



Daphnis and Chloë

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describing the vveight

of affection, the simplicitie of loue, the purport

of honest meaning, the resolution of men, and disposi-

tion of Fate, finished in a Pastorall, and interlaced with the praises

of a most peerlesse Princesse, wonderfull in Maestie,

and rare in perfection, celebrated within

the same Pastorall, and therefore

termed by the name of

The Shepheards Holidaie.

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TO THE RIGHTLIE

ennobled in all virtues, Sir VVilliam

HATTON knight, aduancement in virtue, wor-
ship in life, and fame in perpetuities.



O enforce Sir vnto your worthy-
nes herein, by many circumsaunces
how much led on with the BOVN-
TIE, VALOR, COVRTESIE, SKIL,
and many other complements of
VIRTYE, resiant in your wel noted
and known disposition, I haue da-
red to aduenture vnto your fauou-
rable acceptaunce, this simple and plaine dedication
(simple I meane in respect of the handling) might seem
in the deliuerie, to equall an other volume.

Omitting therefore all those particularities to them
that know you, and to mine owne priuate meditation,
that especially do honour you, I will onely say for this,
that the greatest forwardnes craueth a shrowd, and the
meanest matter cannot be without defence.

TO VIRGIL there was an AVGVSTVS, TO HORACE a
MECAENAS, TO CICERO a CAESAR, TO APPELLES an
ALEXANDER. If to these? how much more then to me
needeth there, to couer the deformitie of my stile, a
most exquisite PATRON.

In a matter simple, it is yet a grace, but to insinuate
the

The Epistle Dedicatorie.

the name of such as do merite well, the verie respect of whome, in the generallitie of the most, beareth alwaies we see, a more than common reputation,

Herein if I presume on your **VIRTUES**, I vrge the necessity, if to craue your patronage, then custome may free me.

Nowe, if the course of the weeke-daies pastimes of these **SHEPHEARDS** seeme happelie to mislike you, turn then I pray to their **HOLIDAYE**, where (how rudelie so euer handled) yet the Maiesty of her, who is without comparison, being there in most especially honoured, shunneth not the fauour of anie sweete conceipte to haue the same recommended.

Fruitles were it on a short request, to erect large matter. For which my sute shalbe, that with the selfe **BOVNTIE**, wherewith your present yeares are so largely beautified, your **VIRTUE** will vouchsafe fauourable to repute both of me and my trauel, which hauing obtained the shrowd thereof as **AIAX** shield, shall become vnto me henceforth of a sufficient gard from all kinde of biting serpents whatsoeuer.

Your worships in all to be commended. **Angell Daie.**



THE FIRST BOOKE of the loues Pasto- rall, of Daphnis and Chloe.



MITELENE among all the notable ci-
ties of *Greece*, is for the delicacie and
strength of the same, not the least in beu-
tie and greatnes of all others to be com-
mended. The scituation of which (being
in the Isle of Metelene) hath environed
rounde about it, a continuall springe of
freshe, sweete and deynie water, the issue
whereof floweth from the Seas, and ouer
the same are builded manie betwixfull and fine bridges, wrought
and curiously polished of fayre white stone. The shewe and bra-
uerie of all which, giueth so large and goodly demonstration vnto
the eyes, as he that behelde the same at a sodaine, woulde rather
iudge it, an Island of it selfe, then the meere scituation of one sole
Citie.

Not farre from thence (as is accustomed vnto the most riche
and popular cities of *Greece*) one of the worthiest and noble per-
sonages of the same, had in the countrie by, about two or three
miles from the towne, a goodly Mannour house, pleasant for the
seate, and holtsome for the dwelling, wherevnto were adioyninge
diuers fayre and welchie possessions, enlarged for commoditie, and
exceeding for pleasure: as namely, large hie and goodly moun-
taines,

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taines, where were nourished and bred sundrie sortes of wilde
beastes, groundes all couered with vines, plaines, stozed with
all manner of fruits and graines, and with most fertile pastures,
whereon to feede and nourishe their cattell, the chiefest whereof
laye for the most part, alongest the waters side, which for that
cause, rendred the place, something the moze delectable. Within
these groundes, Lamon a pooze goatheard, whilest warely he of-
ten continued to keepe his charge, founde by chaunce a young
childe, the life of which was onely preserved by the sucke it recei-
ued from one of his shee-goates, and now we see the maner howe.
There was about the place where he fedde his flocke, a certaine
thicket all ouergrowne with brembles and thornes, and compas-
sed about with furzes, vnder the couert whereof grewe a soft fine
and delicate kind of grasse, the turfe thick, as in such shadie places
is often accustomed, wheron laid this tender infant. Thither ordi-
narily ranne one of his shee-goates, the custome whereof made
the heardsman oftentimes to misse her, and knewe not where she
was become, for that leauing hir young kiddes vncherished, shee
onely against nature gaue heede to the feeding and nourishment
of this preecie babe.

Lamon piteing the selie young ones, that thus were abando-
ned by their Dam, began to marke and wathe the goate whe-
ther she went, and one time amongst the rest in the heate of the
daye, sued her trace so neere, that he sawe howe she past vnder the
thicket and that with so tender & warie touch, as y with her hoofs
going in, she might no wayes hurte the babe: and there being en-
tered in most loning sort, enclined her teates vnto the infant, who
hungerly sucked the same, no otherwise, then if it had beene the
brestes of a naturall mother. At the sight of this, the heardsman
wonderfully abashed, drew yet at the last moze neere, & serching
further, founde it was a male childe, well growen for his age, of
beautie marueilous, and farre moze richly attired, than beseemed
any wayes the infelicitie of his fortune, abandoned so miserablie
as he was, and laid forth, to euerie common aduenture. The ves-
ture wherein he was wrapped was a rich mantle of purple veluet,
the compasse fastned about his necke with a brooch of gold, and
by his side was layde a short fine sworde of most excellent worke-
manship

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manship, all curiously guilt, on the hiltes and the handle thereof, of the most precious puerie.

Lamon (greedie at the first of the riche iewels he sawe) resolved onely to beare them awaye, and to leaue the childe as hee founde it, to some other fortune, but hauing considered a while of that purpose, a bashfull shame quickly surprised his thoughtes, that beeing a man, hee should be lesse pitifull and humaine than the poore beast it selfe, that he thereto had with so great regarde attended and nourished it. In so much, that when night came on, hee tooke both childe and other attire about it, and caried them home vnto his wife, whose name was Myrtale, and therewith all the shee-goate that thitherto hadde cherished and brought it vp.

Myrtale, astonnished at the beewe, demaunded if it were possible that goates in their selfe kinde, could produce young ones of so marueilous shape and proportion, but Lamon suppressing in her the simplicitie of that conceit, reuealed both the manner howe he found the babe, and in what sort, and with howe great delicacie, hee sawe the beast enclining vnto it, and therewithall forgate not to prescribe vnto her and him a greater cause of humanitie, considering that a bestiall nature, deuoyde of reasonable liuing, had by the gentle condicion thereof, taughte them so readie a waye vnto the same. Myrtale, (whose humors saoured in nothing of a crab tree stock) did not at all discommend her husbandes regarde herein, but ioyning in one moode of mannerly enterteinement togethers, as housewifely as shee could, (hauing neuer had any of her owne) shee lulled the babie, and locking vp the ornaments and iewels in a fast barred chesse, they both thencefoorth endeouored to foster it vp, in no other sort, nor by any other kinde of deliuerance then as their owne. And to the intent it might as well in name as otherwysse, resemble the place of education, where it was bred, they called it by the name of Daphnis.

Two yeares were not fullye past and expired, ere one Dryas a sheepeheard keeping his sheepe in great quantitie vppon the plaines and downes thereabouts, happened after this also vppon the like, or verie selfe same aduenture. There was indifferent

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Almost between either of those places, a certaine great caue, standing in a rocke, sacred sometimes to the Nymphes, and therefore called by the name of the Nymphes Caue, somethinge crooked within, but altogether round without. In the inward part whereof were diuers statues of Goddesses & other Nymphes, wrought finely out of stone, the feete vnshod, the armes all naked, & th' attire buckled on the shoulders, their haire cast onely vpon their necks, without tressing at all, girded they were vpon their loynes, their lookes sweetly smiling, and their countenaunces such, as seemed with interchaungeable fauour in delicate sort to greete each other.

Right vnder the hollowe rising of this caue, sprang in the midst of the bottom a sweet fountaine, which raising it selfe, with a soft bubbling, gathered into a pleasaunt springe, where with the fresh and fruitfull greues round about the same, were continually watered. Ouer the mouth of the caue, where the ouerflowinge waues with Cristall humors, had wrought from the earth, sundrie kindes of flowers and hearbs of delicate beewe, hong diuers flutes, pipes, and Flagiolots, made of reedes, which the auncient shepherds had often ofore-time sacred vnto the Nymphes for their greatest offerings.

To this caue, a sheepe from out of Dryas flocke, that newly had yeaned her lamb, oftentimes in the day frequented, and that with such continuance, as the shephearde thinking it manie times to bee lost, endeuoured at the last, to make some deuice whereby to constrain it to feede in companie, without wandring any more as it was accustomed. And going to the Caue to seeke the sheep, with an Olier twig wreathed in his hande, where with to fasten the necke and foote thereof together, a sight more straunge then looked for, presented it selfe vnto him. For the Ewe (framed as it seemed by nature, to the pitying of distressed creatures) hauing there found a sweete babe, did in most soft and gentle maner, visite it many times with her teats, and that with so meek and tender handling, as if it had bin the proper Nurce. The childe vnused to any difference, esteemed it as a naturall diet, and without crying or other distemperature at all, first on the one side, and after on the other, as the Ewe turned her selfe, with the prettie mouth (which

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(which was sweete and pleasaunt to behold) sucked the same. The Sheepe seeming therevnto to haue bozne a most straunge and peculiar affection, which one while with the licking of her tongue on the visage, and another while with softe and deyntie cōying it with her head, it exceedingly did manifest.

Dryas, though he were clubbishe in condition, yet not herein estranged from that pietie, which the gentle beast had thus already portrayed vnto him thought himselfe also in nature bounde to tender the infant, and perceiuing it was a girle, and therewithall what ornaments (testimonies that the place whence it came was of no meane reputation) were also annexed vnto it, hauing on the head a copse curiously wrought and imbroidzed with golde, iewels and other precious things, not to be despized: he adiudged the chaunce thereof not to haue happened vnto him, without some diuine preparation: Wherefore taking it vp in his armes, he gladly receiued the charge thereof, and making his prayers to the Nymphes, that with good successe he might after ward bring her vp, whom as an humble Suppliant, left (as it seemed) to their patronage) he had found laid at their feet, he departed.

Nowe when night came, that he was to driue his sheepe home to their folde, hauing secretly in the meane time conueied all the iewels and ornaments into his bouget, as soone as he was returned to his house, he began to recount vnto his wife al that he had seene, and shewed her also what hee had founde: Nape was the Sheperdesse called, to whose especial care her husband with many words recommended the regard of the distressed infant, commanding her thenceforward to repute it as her own natural daughter, & in such sort only to nourish and prouide for it. The woman was not stony harted, but according to her shepheards guise began to embrace and entertain the girle, deeming already that she became a mother vnto it, by meere affection, her conceit grew tender ouer it, and with such feruent loue, and continuall watching did she endeavour to foster it, as that she feared lest the sheepe that whilome sucked the swatheled impe, should in the beauly regard it shewed be preferred before her. And for that her care stretched that the girle in farther springing yeres might the sooner be taken and reputed for hers, she gaue it thence-fo a name Pastozall, and called

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her Chloe.

These two children in prolesse of time grew to be great, and shewed well by theyr beaucie and other complements, that their parentage was not meane, nor their descent deriued from out of old thatched cotages. And about the time that the elder of them, was come to the age of fiftene yeares, and the yonger about two yeares lesse: Lamon and Dryas at one very instant, and in the selfe-same night interchangeably (as it fell out) dreamed in this sort together. It seemed vnto them both, that the Nymphs, whose statues and images were in the caue (where you heard before the fountaine was, and where Dryas (as is reported) had found his daughter) took Daphnis & Chloe, and them both iointly deliuered to the guidance and protection of a verie yong boy, gentle in all kinde of behauiours, but of beaucie most wonderful, frustrate was his body of garments, his shape curious, his skinne pure as alabaster, his shoulders feathered as wings, his left hand supported with a slender bowe, a small quiver at his backe, and a fine arrowe in his right hand. Who touching them both with one and the same dart, gaue charge vnto Daphnis thence-foorthward to feed his goats on the pastures, and to the other immediatlie to keepe flockes of sheepe.

The herdsmen both at once deeply conceiuing of this vision, were sodenly quailed of al their former expectation, insomuch as the fruits of their carefull nurseries, seemed thus contrarie to that they hoped, and what their severall badges, might before that, respectiue ly haue presaged, to be destined at one instant to the keeping of cattell together. For that the markes of theyr birth, had offered vnto their former notice, so manifest intendments of farre greater fortune, in full pursute whereof, their carefull endeouors had thitherto sought to conduct them, and that in farre moze delicate and daintie maner, than be seemed the children of herdsmen, as wel in an honored kinde of vsage to theyr persons, as in liberall training them vppe in letters, and other conuenient skill and demeanours, whereof their yeares at that instant were nothyng ignozant, and that so farre forth as the largesse of their country dwelling, coulde anye waies afforde vnto them. Neuerthelesse, forsomuch as the iniunction appeared

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red to be deriued altogether from the pleasure of the gods, they determined in their obedience, rather to giue place vnto thep^r commaundes, whose prouidence had saued them both from their former perilles, than to yeelde vnto their owne proper fancies, whose greatest respect of care they were sure coulde least of all auaile them.

Not long after, these two neighbor-dwellers found meanes to conferre at full, touching both their visions, and by one ioint consent, they first agreed to go vnto the caue of the nymphs, and there to offer sacrifices, for the better prosperitie and happy proceedings of their seuerall charges, which offering of theirs, they by one vowe togethers, deuoted to the faire yong boy, vnto whose protection, by the same Nymphs, thep^r nurceries had bene before committed, whome they called by the name of the winged god, for otherwise by anye more speciall title or particular effect they had not discerned hym. Which doone, they iointly inferring, whatsoeuer after care of the two youtfull and sweetest of all natures creatures, vpon him, both Lamon and Dryas recozdes as a summe of all their expectation, these foure verses to remaine on the wall of the nymphes, as a perpetuall memoriall:

*To thee thou winged God, what ere thou bee
(A god thou art) we shepheards fruits do bring
Let Daphnis and his heards be deare to thee,
And Chloes flocke est cast this sacred spring.*

Having herewith greatly satisfied their longing desires, and manifolde well-wishings vnto their tender fosterlings, Lamon returned to hys Myrtale, and Dryas to Nape, and by assent of both their wiues, dispatched the next day with all kind of necessaries, the two darlings of the earth to their seuerall heards, sweet Daphnis to his goates, and faire Chloe to hir sheep, instructing them seuerally, in all things belonging to a heardsmans office. As how to daine their beaks to pasturing before the heat of the daie, and in the coole of the euening againe holne to guide them: what times, & where to water them, whe to bring them home at night,

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and how in the mornings likewise to drue them to the field. In what sort, and vpon what occasion to vse the *Whistle-Pipe*, and how at another time to call with their voice alone.

These Images of *Beautie*, mildly yeelding them selues to what herein to them intoynd, receaued as willinglie their charges, and with as deepe contenting pleasure, as though they therewith had receiued some great and notable signozie, Daphnis tennizing his goates, and Chloe her sheepe, and that with so entier and more then common affection accustomed vnto among sheapeheards, as well shewed, that hee for his part had some reason to induce him, and shee for her part could not omit it without seeming vnthankfull.

The season was then of the yeare, about the beginning of the spring, when the very delicacie of *Floras* selfe was grown to her most naturall prime, and she as Lady and queene of that iollie being, had by a meere earthly shew of most exquisite perfourmance, coloured her walkes and passages, with blossomes of sweetest verdure and die most perfect, for the more ample beautifying and enrichment of all her seemly creatures. Herbs then began to be in their force, trees in their pride, fields in their bzauerie, floures in their sweetenes, and the earth in her delicacie. The birds had felicitie to resound their variable notes to the woods, & to acquaint the hedge rowes with their warbling tunes, the lambes and tender kids skipped vpon the hillockes, the yong rammes hurtled on the bankes with their weathed hoznes, & had pleasure to pearch to the highest mountaines, the bees sweetly murmured from vnder their hiues, and all that frequented the pastures had vniuersall gladnes.

The marke of *Loue* him selfe, combined within the verie eiesliddes of these two excellent creatures, seing all things thus daintelie decked and trimmed vp, by so curious workmanship, kindled in their mindes the selfesame sparke and common desire of all naturall enforcements, whereby each of them became studious, according to their humaine nature and disposition to immitate by like equalitie, what they then perceaued to be grassed in all other tenderlinges. In so much as with the birds they sang, seing the kids leape, they daunced, and after the bees they gathered floures,
with

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With some part wherof they trimmed their bosomes, and of others made pretie small chapelets, the brassest of which they carried vnto the *Nymphes*, and therewith crowned their heades. Finally, as it were vntied in one continued linke of amitie, these seemely portraictures of well pleasing youth, louingly alwaies accompanied each other, and euermore on the pastures fed their herds together.

Many times befell it, that when her sheepe were anye wales Graied, Daphnis with great desire would speede him selfe before her to gather them in againe: And when the most hardie of his yong kids, and tender goats had mounted to the top of some hie or sheepe rocke, neately would likewise Chloe applic her selfe to make them drawe downe the same with easie pace againe. One while guided she both herds her selfe, whilest he vsed his pastime, and another while ordered he the flocks, whilest shee sported her selfe vnder the shade toppes. Their exercises were in sheepeheard games, and the pleasures they intertained, such as befreemed the nonage of their outgrowing childhood, for some part of their time, they spent in gathering bulrushes, wherewith Chloe would make pretie bird-cages and therein put the grasshoppers. Daphnis on the other side often times cut downe the reedes, and vnclosing their ioints, glewed them orderlie together againe with soft ware, and of these found diuers pastimes wherewith to occupie them selues together. Their vsages were holie, as vnerperienced of euill, and such whose delicate imaginations, were neuer surprizd with the least taint at all of harmefull thinking. Enterchangeably did they ech to other impart their milke, their wine, and what other vitails, the simplicitie of their shewe, and countrie being could besides affoord. To conclude, it might seeme a thing more ordinary, to see their flocks asunder scattered, than at any time to see Chloe from him, or Daphnis from her to be diuided. Now as they thus passed their time in such kind of dalliance *Loue*, the grand Prince and Soueraigne of their vnmacheable betwixes, had by this time prepared a secrete ambush wherewith to frame some notable breach, into the vndefensie imaginations of these two innocent loners, and thus stood the case. There was not farre from the place where these two gentle Shepheards kept

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kept their haunts a she-wolfe that newly hauing cast her whelps, accustomed there-vpon to run often-times into the flockes thereof abouts, and there to raine the small cattell, to carrie to her yong ones: By occasion whereof the husband-men and sheapheards inhabiting the villages about, and seeing their cattell thus to bee destroyed, deuised in the night to make sundrie deepe pittes and trenches and them subtilye to couer againe with thin earth cast vppon small twigges whereby to make the place seeme plaine, so that whatsoeuer came running there-vpon, were it of the smallest waight that might bee reasonable conceiued, the twigges would presentlie fall vnder them, and whelme them there-with into the pitte. A number of such like trappes both in the mountaines and plaines, were cast, wherewith to catch the subtil beast: but shee accustomed to those wiles, shunned the traine and them continuallie discovered, notwithstanding manie sheepe and goates were thereby destroyed, and Daphnis him selfe by that onely inconuenience was like to haue perished.

It happened that two of the fairest buckes of all his heard being vehemently chased one against the other vpon a long fight together, rushed at the last so rudely vpon each other, that with the greatnes of the stroke, a horne of one of them was broken, whereof feeling great paine, the bucke thus disarmed of one of his hornes turned him-selfe to flight. The victor (proude of the conquest wonne) pursued notwithstanding, and haunted the poore beast both with strokes and pace so busilie, that he hardly gaue it so much leasure as to gather a litle breath. Daphnis grieved at the mishap, to see so faire a beast thus unhappely spoiled, and vexed also in mind to behold the vnquenchable furie and hote pursute of the other, which with the hurt done could not be satisfied, but with further cruelty, sought to oppresse him whom alredie he had maimed, tooke vp a cudgell in the one hand, and his whistle pipe in the other, and followed the pursuer, laying still at him as hee followed, in minde to beate him. The beast, shunning the strokes, and he more enraged to hit him, then circumspect howe or where he followed him, the buck for feare, and he for haste, tumbled both together into one of those pits, the beast first, and Daphnis vpon him, the chaunce whereof (as it fell out) saued his life. for that the
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beast first sustained the hard stroke, & himselfe with lesse damage, fell the moze easely vpon him. But Daphnis seeing himselfe thus pitifully distressed in so deepe a passage, could do no other but crie out, and with plentie of teares lament his hard hap, attending if happely some one or other comming that way, might chaunce to here him, and so p[ro]t[er]e meane to relieue him.

Chloe, whose eie was seldome estranged from some (moze the ordinarie) care of her regarded companion, albeit she was then a great way from Daphnis when he fell, perceiued yet his sodaine vanishment, & was not vntrustfull at all, of his present harme. And for that she was altogether ignozant what it might bee, and yet doubting the euill she knew not, because shee sawe him not againe, she hastned to the place where her sight had lost him, with all speede possible. There beholding the great depth of the pit, & seeing contrary to expectation, that he was sound & alitue, she thence sped her pace quickly to a Cowherd that fed cattell hard by, requiring his present aide to helpe Daphnis forth of that grienous place, who serching vp and down for a corde, and finding none of length sufficient: Chloe with great desire vtressed quickly her golden wirie lockes, and with the silkin twine that bound vp the same, estones dobled together in manie cōpasses, supplied what wanted to the former shortnesse, by fastning it to the cordes end that by the Cowherds meanes, they had there already prepared. And this done, ioyning both their aides together, they did so much Daphnis without great hurt, was gotten forth again.

The louely shepheard thus raized vp from so depe a dongeon, & by y gentle trauaile of y Nymph freed of the great feare wherinto he was salue, casting many times his bashfull & deep peering countenances towards her, could not for the present deuise with what kinde of speeches (sufficient to so great a benefite) to salute her. And much the rather was he nowe so mazed, for that at that instant moze then at any time befoze, it seemed there harborzed in her delicate spirits, a moze stronger efficacie, then euer hee had ere then perceiued, in her lookes, were caried an especiall eye marke of he knewe not, what kynde of most sweete and pleasing delight, some onething moze then common, rested as he thought in the precious content, of her well applied countenance,

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her speeche was not as the ordinarie sound of her accustomed deliuerance, her gestures (amiable of themselves) were fraught as now to his seeming, wth a more estranged kinde of excellence. Neither knew he, whence the humor hereof proceeded, albeit he felt himselfe euen then deeply touched, but embracing wth an vnacquainted desire, the conceit where-into hee was carried by the present object, he only framed some few speeches, in acknowledgement of this first conceiued benefit, which by the watchfull regard of Chloe he had already receiued. And turning hymselfe likewise to Dorcon (for so was the cowheard called) giuing a multitude of thanks vnto him for his trauell taken, his looks and speech at one instant, were therewith both surprised together.

This being the first publike place wherein loue, either by looke or gesture had made way into the secret thoughts of these two louers to be discerned. Daphnis as yet ignorant of his passion, and holding himselfe highly pleased, but nothing lesse than satisfied in beholding of Chloe, reposed his chiefest content to gaze vpon hir, and the most precious part of his delight in kissing hir, wherein, redoubling easoones the pleasures, thereby conceiued a sweeter humor than that which the hony Bee by nature congealeth, or the Candy sugar in taste deliuereth, issued (as hee thought) from her lippes, hir looks were as piercing arrows, and Cupid himselfe seemed to lodge in the very eie-browes of hir countenance. Rosie, nay far more orient was the hew, that hir hastie pace and yet panting breaching to relieue him had settled vpon her cheekes, the delay mingled, where-vpon was the very die of the white and purest marble. Hir lockes dispersed on hir shoulders, in colour like the burnisht yallow of the finest gold, made hir to appeare as one of the nymphs, whom Iupiter erst fauored, or Apollo with ardent flames whilom eagerly pursued. Pleasing, and more than pleasing was shee to be scene at that instant, and such as wherein not Daphnis alone, but the poore cowheard Dorcon also more than ordinarily reioiced.

The simple cowheard, vnacquainted before time, with such admirable features, and not accustomed to the contemplation of so diuine & far surpassing measures, esteemed one while of Chloe, that

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that according to so rare and exceeding beautie, somewhat remained graffed in his countenance that appeared more singular than was to be attributed to the common proportion of euery other creature. Another while, considering the meannesse of his fortune, being but in common reckoning the daughter of Dryas his selfe, but as a simple sheepeheardesse, inured only to the downes, he then deemed his greatnes to be no more than as the reputation of euery other common dweller. And though his rural condition had not till then made estimate of any thing, more than his countrie feeding, neyther in all his pleasures had ought exempted more peculiar than his cattel keeping: yet by the deep impression of his sight the grand maister of all humane affections, had led him to an imagination of far more greater consequent, yea the bluntnesse of his former conceits (such as seldome falleth out in men of base and seruile reckoning) began here-with to be mollified, his spirites grossly weighed before wyth an earthly nutriment waxed now more tender. His onely household care furnished till then with a couetous regard of profit and husband-like desire, by hardned labours, to see his cattell prosper, was turned into a newe kinde of obseruance: his morning walkes wherewith he wonted erst to visit his pastures, were conuerted into a heede full attendance of blisfull Chloe, and her most daintie passages. Now gan he to aduert the holidays, and to long for the pleasant seasons, wherein heardsmen without checke or controlment doe celebrate their interchangeable pastimes: him seemed the boistrous leather, and laborious sweate, dyed wyth the dusty season vpon his wrinckled eye-browes, disgraced at one instant both his person and countenance, he meerely waxed weary of his habite, and grew into great mislike, that he were not presently here, otherwise he might be decked or changed. Much was it that he thought in himselfe, wherewith he might afterward be better contented, and his whom he loued) by a like coniecture) to be both the sooner pleased and satisfied.

Thus and in such manner wrought the vnknowing conceipts of these two heardsmen eache vnto the other. Daphnis by reason of too much youth and small experience, neither capable of fraud, nor inured to any sleight or subtiltie, and leasse of all

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surmizing what hee coulde or woulde go about to doe, to winne vnto himselfe the effect of that where-vnto, though in truerth hee were so farre forth inclined, he was yet able of the same to frame no perfect end or distinguishment, not so much as mistrusted at all these sodaine alterations bred in the minde of hys newe acquaintance Dorcon, for that neither knewe hee his owne desire to be defined by any title or name of loue, or that any other might be a copartner, or become an impatient riball of his so vehement a passion. But wading with all kinde of simplicitie into the furie of his affection, inclined to whatsoeuer in accompanying his deere-ly regarded Chloe, was by the subtilty of the cow heard afterward of him requited.

Where-vpon Dorcon hauing taken leaue for the present, concluded thence-forward in his minde, that the place of his intertainment, solicited vnto his remembrance, a respecte more curious in all his actions, than to-foze time accustomed, and forgot not in his holiday shirt, and cleane washed doublet vnbbuttoned to the girdle, and there fastened to the waste of his hose wth a newe greene silken point, importing thereby, that all his p. u. h. was not yet fully spent, oftentimes to take occasion to visit these louers. And for that their purest conceits, harmelesse of euill, and neuer so muche as tainted with any similitude of guile, gaue both scop and courage, whereby wthout suspicion, this newe tricked cow-heard might be receiued into their companies. Hee the better now to insinuate him selfe into their fauours, one while indeuored to present them with his new made fresh cheeses, couered wth a faire white napkin, and strowed ouer wth the most sweete and delicate floures, therewithall woulde hee bring of his best and morning skimmed creame, spice-cakes, and other p. eatie conceits. To Daphnis besides gaue hee a poong fatte calfe from the damme, and manye other faire tokens to Chloe, suche as eyther his countrie crauell hadde purchased, or wherewith hir sweete conceited spirits were any ways delighted.

This sudden alteration of Dorcon, both in habite and other demeanors therevnto according, not so much by any abilitie of coniecture, that thereby could solie arise in the opinion of Daphnis,

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nis, as by the generall notice and common speecch of all the other heartsmen, made euery where knowne, that hee was become a loue, and who but faire Chloe was shee, to whome the man was so farre deuoted in affection, insomuch as Daphnis also among the rest grewe nowe to be partaker thereof, the manner of which, neither place, time, or company, had taught him before to discerne. Yet knewe hee not for this, what was it to be matched with a companion of so vnusd iollitie, neyther did hee for ought hee heard or sawe, emulate at all the cow-herdes proffered courtesie. This onely marked hee, which all men else had specially noted, that sithence Dorcon first had framed his spirites to loue, hee became indeede farre more gay, pleasant, and trimmer attired, his tresses as wonted, lay not scattered or hard knurled vppon his head, but faire kemberd and rounded fine vnder his eares, neatly shauen was he, as the brauest of the other sheep-herds, and not on the holiday alone, but euery morning fasting pinned he (laced in a silke riband) on his buttoned cappe, a faire and flourishing nosegay, well gartered and stroked by were his hose with a crosse bound caddis ribon, his buckled shoes, seemed vnweldie and curiositie of the rest, made him at the least to bestow on him selfe a paire of calues leather pumps for his wearing.

These onely being specially considered vppon of Daphnis, and therewithall how passing cunning hee had framed the notes of his old tuned pipe, where-upon he diuers times plaid sundrie country laies, in the hearing of Chloe, draue him at one time aboue the rest into a little melancholie, not for that he stood ignorant howe much the Nymphe was vnto him aboue all others inclined, or that he mistrusted Dorcon, or enuid his pursute, but for the vehemencie of his passion being so feruent, as had already mastered and overwearied his imaginations, neither experience of manly knowledge, had yet so farre instructed him, as that he was able to determine the same vpon any certaine limits, nor any other insight directed him, in what sort the operation thereof might with more facility be caried, both of which (as he thought) Dorcon by this liking of his body & brauery wherein he marched, had already archieued: insomuch as seing one day the sweetest
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of his delights to haue taken vpon her the feeding of both their
beardes, he priuilie secluded him selfe for a while into the thickest
of a pretie pleasant groue adioynning, and reposing his youthfull
limmes on the soft and tender grasse, nere vnto one of the nymph-
like springs whereof the wood euerie where was most aboun-
dant, the solemne tunes of a most sweete sounding flute (wherein
both priuate practize and the common vsage of the countrie, had
made him excellent) gaue musique to his marryed thoughts,
whereupon his mollified spirits so pressed with the weights that
which troubled him, enforced him in the barke of a fine Poplar tree
standing thereby to graue these fewe verses following.

*What may I call the sweete whence springs my sweetest ioy,
Or wherein rests that on such sweete depends so great annoy.
How haps that where I touch the aire hath sweetest breath
And in the selfe-same fume I find my cause of death
Whence sues that where I lye where most delight I see
In selfe-same mood my life consumes, & ioies confounded bee
Whereon engendred is the heat that breeds the flame
Sith tempered is with sweetest blasts the cause that mooues the same
What phisicke may I finde what art to cure the sore,
Which guided by the aide it seekes the wound makes still the more*

This done, led on by the solitarines of the place, musique, and
present fauour, hee brake into these farther complaints. Sweete,
ah sweete said he, what strange kinde of maladie hath insued vnto
me, only in kissing my Chloe, my sweetest Chloe, whose lippes
are more delicate then the softest roses, and her mouth and deintie
breathing of far more sweetnes, than the finest wafers, yet is the
impression of this softnes far more percing than the sting of a bee.
Often haue I kissed my tender kiodes, newlie as it were fallen
from the daines, & that fine speckled calfe that Dorcon did giue
me, yet felt I no damage, but this kisse is of far other efficacie and
operation, by touch whereof, my pulse beateth, my hart trembleth,
and my verie soule languisheth, all which notwithstanding, my
suffizaunce of remedie resteth yet onely in kissing her. O cruell
victorie, O strange mischiefe whereof I neither know the name
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or am able to determine the qualitie. Is it possible, the lippes whereof the pressure is so delicate, and the closure so excellent, may be attainted with poison, or that within the medicinable compasse of so sweete a refreshing may be included a matter so monstrous as may breed infection. No, no, for then with the far piercing venom therof, had my death long ere this time bene acquired. What then may I teache it whereof insueth so great a languishment? See, see, the Nightingale howe melodiously she chaunteth, and my Flute hath forgotten her wonted musike: Behold how the yong kiddes skippe vpon euery hillocke, and I sitte heere laden with teares. The floures are now in their chiefest prime, and Dorcon alone maketh chapelets and nosegayes: the Violet and the Dasey haue couered the pastures with their beauties, and Daphnis languishing by his maladie withereth onelie in flames. Dorcon is in his gaitie, and shortly will become fairer than I. These, and such like shepheards lamentations deliuered hee forth, till wearied with the remembrance and search of that grieffe, whereto he knewe neither remedy nor end, hee left the desolate groue, and with a counterfet excuse returned againe to his Chloe, who long ere this time had awaited his presence.

Now Dorcon, whose riper yeares had inabled his clownish sconce, both with larger skil, and greater experience, triumphing on the harmelesse simplicitie of either of these two louers, listed not to spend much time in the long and needelesse wooing (as he thought) of hir, whome though of her selfe he were repulled, yet by imparting some part of that whereof hee had sufficient, to the couetousnesse of him that guided hir) he presumed he might when he list purchase at all times of hir supposed father, fixing therfore his eyes on his store of cattell and other coine, wherewith his laboring yeares were plentifully inough stored, hee onely wanted but time and meete occasion, to further his pretended conference, for which hee thence forth attentiuely waited. Making therfore a sure reckoning of Dryas, whom antient neighborhood, and long acquaintance had linked vnto him in some particular knowledge, it fell out, that by a preatie occasion, his intentment grewe speedily to bee effected. Dryas hadde a peece of ground adioynnyng not farre from the dwelling of the cow-herd,
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whereuppon, whilst hee was there busied, in planting an arbor, Dorcon made the often suite wth thereof a meanes of his communication: and greeting him euery day, and his people with sundry necessities wherewith to ease their far set prouision, as well of cheeses, bread, and other vittelles, he one day among the rest began to enter in purpose & renouation of their ancient continuance their yeres both being alike, their keeping of cattel togithers, and such like remembrances, wherewith men of common account are wont to commend their acquaintance. In continuall harping wherevpon, he lastly fell on termes of Chloe, and to discourse of hir marriage.

Such was it that the cow-herd, after his subtil clownish guise, enforced vnto Dryas, wherby the better to make him selfe seeme a man adapted to such a pursute, & the rather to incourage Dryas to make him his son in law, besides the much reputation of his welch euermore thrust forward, to giue vnto him also the greater and more euident demonstration, that he should not marry his daughter to a beggar or a pinch fist, hee tended vnto him for his good wil, many faire and husband-like presents, rich for the state of a cow-herd as he was, wherof he paid him to wake acceptance, & to giue his good will to the marriage. A poke of sayre large oxen would he giue for the plough, 4 hives of bees, fiftie foote square of the best part of his orchard, an ox hide large & thicke for leather, & euery yere besides a faire & principal hecfar. That Dryas was couetous Dorcon had good experience, and therfore intruded vpon him so manye faire offers: the delicacie and wealth wherof tickled indeede something exceedinglye the minde of the man, and had it not beene, that a certaine doubtfull feare ouer-tooke him, of some vnlooked for after-clappes, hee had peradventure, by desire of that commoditie consented to the determined purpose.

But considering afterwardes better of the case, and esteeming by the likelihoods of those ornaments which with Chloe hee had had receiued, that hir descent was not so meane, as to respecte a place of so bale a calling, nor a shape so far more than seemely, resting in hir excellent proportion, ought to be bestowed vpon a creature so far out fauour, and altogether seruile: hee vtterly ab-
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stained any further to harken to the sute of Dorcon, reckoning fully with himselfe, that if euer after it did happen, that she were recognized by hir parents, & that then it should be known, that for conetousnes of gaine, hee had in so bad and vile maner misprized hir, it could not but turne to his great detriment & irreuerable vndoing, if at the least wise he might vpon the knowledge thereof be enfranchized from death: Led therfore as he was, by the regard of these doubts, he therevpon prayed Dorcon for very neighbors hoodes sake, to pardon him, and excusing in other sort the matter, willed him from thence-foorth that hee would sue no further vnto him.

This conceited fore-cast of Dryas, was nothing at al pleasing to Dorcon, who seeing himselfe now the second time, with so flat resolution put off, could almost (what betweene loue and griefe of so many good gifts, that hee had in vaine bestowed) haue become desperat. It vered the pooze soule to the hart, to see, that his moz-nings-milk cheeses, his fat calues, and bacon, were thus vnto the chuffe Dryas imparted, and all for nothing: he could haue whined out-right for sorrow, and his humors rumbled together with so bad a medley, as made his senses wzing forth diuers tender passions from out his wrinkled countenance. But yet recomforted quickly (as to such it often hapneth) of these vncouth pangs, the suttile clown began by a new deuised fraud now to cōpas that which before he found so difficult, watching for this cause a conueniēt time to find Chloe (if it were possible alone) & to this end, bethought himselfe, that vpon custome eche after others they used to drinke their flockes at one certain time of the day together to drinke, the one of them daily, as it fel out after the other. Whereof Dorcon tooke heede, and onely expected the day when shee alone should drinke them, which being come, the seelie cowheard thinking to worke a great maisterie in the simplicitie of these soules, tooke vpon hym a decett of maruellous finenesse (respecting, that it was wrought out of so hammer-headed a trunk) and the deuise was this. He took the skin of a great wolfe which one of his bulles fighting by chance had killed with his hoznes, and spread the same all ouer his backe, and that so sily as the fore-feete thereof, fell iustly before him right euer his hands,

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and the hinder legges also couered his thighs downe vnto his heeles, the head, as a visard, lay all ouer his face, and thus disguised as hee was, by likelihoode in the full shape and proportion of a wolfe, hee drew himselfe right vnto the fountaine, whither should come the flockes of Daphnis and Chloe to be watered. The spring was situate in a valley verie intricate and crooked, and all the place rounde about for the most part enuironed with brembles, sharpe pricking surzes, and lowe declining ginipers, in sort, that if a wolfe in very deede he had beene, he might easily haue couched himselfe thereabouts to haue doone a spoile, Dorcon busied himselfe in the thickest of these couerts, waiting the houre when Chloe should come, assuring himselfe, that by the fearfull shewe of his shape, hee coulde not choose but amaze hir, and in such amaze might easily seaze vpon hir, and do what he list vnto hir.

Not long had the wolfe-like cow-heard couched himselfe, but the shepheardesse (as wonted) came with hir dainty flockes, hauing left hir Daphnis behind, busied in cutting downe of the most tender twigs and boughs, for his goats to browse vpon, against they were returned to pasture, the dogges neuertheles, as accustomed guards vnto hir yonglings, at that instant accompanieng her. And as it is a thing vnto them naturall, to hunt vp and down, & range round about the field, so at the last it befell, that drawing neere vnto the bush where this disguised cow-heard lay couching, they perceiued him bussing, and deeming it some beast, began to bate apase: the fiercest of them herevpon began to snap at the wolfe, and the rest, hardned with this onset, set also vpon him. Dorcon was now in an extasie, and not daring to stand vpright, for feare and shame of the disguise by him without effect pretended, the dogges vntweeting of the fraud, tooke no more knowledge of him than whilom did the hounds of Acteon vpon their master, disguised as he was in the shape of a Hart, but harrieng fast vpon the cow-heard, one in one place, and an other in an other place, so rudely rushed vpon him, as tearing the wolfes skinne from his shoulders, they made him discover him selfe at the last to be no more than the poore and simple cow-heard Dorcon.

By this time the maske grew viterly to be marred, & the sharp per-

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percing teeth of those mercilesse dogs, pinched so neere his buttocks, as Dorcon was faine to start. Chloe fearefull of the event, & dreading the furie of some wilde beast, skreched a maine, whereof Daphnis hauing regarde, sped himselfe in all hast to her reskue. But Dorcon contrarie to expectation, hauing sustained moze penance than he required, and pestered with the continuall biting of the dogges, could no other waies releue him selfe then in discouering what hee was, wherewith incite against his will, he cried vehemently to Daphnis. The simple yough suspecting as little fraude, as his innocent peares ministred vnto him occasion of euill, wondering at the accident, and thinking that it had bene done onely but as a iest, wherewith to haue frayed them, approached the Cowherde, and both he and the Shephardesse rating the dogges, and drawing them thence with their common whistle-pipe tooke poore Dorcon with much paine from out of the covert, whom scarce being able to stande for the many hurts in diuers parts about him receiued, hauing nothing wherewith to fende him selfe, they led betweene their armes to the fountaine, and washed his woundes, which done, they brought him by the hand vnto his wate, and recomforting his decaied spirites by all meanes possible left him at the last to the peculiar in sight, & consideration of his owne euils, vnknowing alas were these to hardie guiles and enterprizes of *Loue*, vnto those tender *Impes*, nor did they at all participate anye parte of the fraude to the same incident or belonging, whose charie regarde of well-doing, became the onely suppozte of their meere simplicitie and good meaning.

Dorcon, now solitarily conceiuing of this so strange an alteration, had all his imaginations thenceforth vicerly benommed, for ever thereafter to continue a louer. And in this hurlie burlie, the vnaccustomed baying also of the dogges, had so farre scattered abroad the flockes and herdes, as both Daphnis him selfe and Chloe had much paine, til night to drawe them together againe, the one part whereof being climed to the hiest rockes and mountaine toppes that might be, and the other fearefully straggled in diuers partes downe towardes the sea coastes. And albeit, their ioynt herdes were otherwise so well ordred and taught by their

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guides, as that with the least clap of handes, whistle, or other sounde of voyce that might bee, they would drawe to their companies, yet nowe were they so farre frighted with this uncouth noyse, as that with all the trauell to them vsed, they could scarce be wholie brought together againe to accompanie. But night, that bringeth in conclusion euerie labour to ende, had at the last conducted also these heardees into their seuerall folkes. And wearisomnes of the painefull trauel sustained, serued them as a medicine to bring into the thoughtes of these passionate deuillings the accustomed rest, from whence a good while since they had bene bereaued. Sleepe made them to forget their loues, and the seruencie of their passion swaied thereby a great deale lesse in the disturbance of those their mutuall affectes. But the bright shining day, which is the discoverer & common renewer of euery crased fantasie, put her and him in minde againe, of their wonted miscase. The ruddie raies brandishing the Easterne skies, reuealed a new the fresh & quick spreading flames of their late receued passions, the enteruewe of each bleding on the first sight, a nouell grief, issuing interchaunceable from him to her, and her to him, not for that they sawe eche other, in either of whom the contemplation was a mithridate to a pestered conceived minde, but by the deep percing in sight thereby sustained conceived in each vew so wonderfull and straunge an effecte, as in conclusion conuerted the former physicke it receiued, to a most encreasing and almost irrecuperable maladie.

Infinite were their desires (for to couet, is to mankinde naturall) but what it was they desired, or wherein consisted the determinate conclusion of the same, that by their simplicitie, could no waies be defined. If they coueted to see each other they saw, if to plaie together, they plaied, if to speake, they spake, if mutuallie to embrace, they embraced, and heereof there was vnto them at all no kinde of controlment. At their libertie they enioyed what they listed, and hauing all that they would, they could not yet, conceiue therein the principall part, of that they most desired. Contentment reposed it selfe vppon their deepest disquiet, and from their greatest discontentment sprang vppe againe their chiefe ease. Now was it in the decreasing time of the spring, and freshest

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Sommer perking in her gayest pryde, made waye to her entrance, the flourishing growth of euerie liuing thing, wared proude of their beeing. *Rowe* blossomed were the fruites on trees, and *Ceres* in her tillage, and *Pomona* in her orchardes, byethed in the freshest ayre their sweetest sauiours, *Titan* hauing wound hym selfe in the Crabbe, drew fast to the *Lions* cabbin, whereby the season growing boote, it seemed the *Riuers* and grauellie springes, placed in most coole and temperate shades, invited each youthfull gallant, to theyr sweete pleasing baynes: *Therunto* *Zephyrus* gentlie busling thorow the twigges of the lofty *Pines* his comfortable blastes, appeared by the pleasaunt murmur thereof, to make a kynde of Musique, by meanes of which trilled sometymes downe before them the sweete smelling appels from the best bzaunches.

Phœbus sportyng him selfe to glaunce through the thickest grooues vppon their naked shapcs, made *Daphnis* (enflamed both by an inward loue and heate of the present season) to visite the springs, where casting him selfe into a delicate *Riuer*, one whyle would hee chase the *Swannes* alofte, and an other whyle cast him selfe to the bottom, catching therewithall at the smoothe gliding fishes. Often would hee gulpe into his entayles a great quantitie of the coole water, and then swimme again washing & turning himselfe in the streame desirous to see if there-withall the hott parching heate hee sustained, might anie wayes bee cooled: but all inuaine, for that the force thereof, by asarre more vehement furie, was inwardlye supported.

Chloe hauing by this time drawen forth her sheepe and goats to be milked, remained so much the longer thereaboutes, for that the sharpe singing flies buzzing round about her unstained visage hadde in the drawing downe of the sonne something buslied her, wherevppon hauing washed her face in one of the neere fountaines, shee gathered of all sortes of flowers, and them wreathed, in the bzaunches and tenderest twygges of the *Pine-trees*, whereof shee made a chapelet, and therewith crowned her amber coloured tresses, and hauing girded her selfe in the skinne of a mightye heart, buckled fast on her euen pressed

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holders, she filled one pot of wine and another of milke, and therewith came to entertaine her deetlie fauoured Daphnis. Who fastening his earnest lookes on her admirable bewties made waite to issue from the riuer, and she st roking againe his delicate limmes with fresh prepared clothes, finding nothing therein to be reprehended, (so rightly proportioned was hee in all fewtures) with many sweete embracings clothed she him apace in his shepheards garmentes. In all this demeanour were not the conceites of Daphnis, in beholding her graces altogether vnoccupied, who seeing her compassed in such nymphlike attire, supposed one while that she was as the fayre Læda, who for her exceeding shape, deserued solie to become the mother of the most beautifull Helena, an otherwhile him seemed that she was some Io, onely meete to be reserued to none other but for the mightie Iupiter, sometimes hee likened her to one of the *Nymphes* in the *Caue*, whose lookes as he thought, caried of her behaviour a most notable resemblaunce, and holding her pot in her handes of wine and milke towards him, hee was wholie confused by *Loue* the force whereof distilling amaine within him, had wrought to his most secret entrailes. Smilingly therefore taking the *Chapelet* from her head, and with great deuotion kissing it, he put it on his own, and taking in hand an harpe, whereon his softened strokes were varied with most excellent conning, he tuned the same forthwith, and song thereunto in her praises this dittie following.

*Sweete sweetned be the houres, the daies, the monthes and times,
Wherein with sweete conceits my soule, thy sweetned fauor climes
Sweete be thy lookes, thy touch, thy speech, thy gate and all
Ten thousand sweets betide thee still, whose sweetnes staines them all,
Ye floures whose motlie hues do pranke in Natures pride,
Do shrowd your selues, and for my sweete, your beauties lay aside.
Ye temprate westerne winds, whose aire yeilds sweetned breath
Denie your sweete to be as hers, whose sweet yeelds life or death
Ye deintie tuned fowles whose notes do decke the spring
Confesse in hearing of her soundes, your sweets small pleasure bring
Ye christall sacred springs, ye vales and mountaines hie,
Whose pleasant walkes her passage decks, and spreading fauours die*
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*Agree with me in this, my sweete (surpassing far)
Excels the sweetnes of you all, and doth your pleasures bar.*

His song concluded in the delicacie of this so great a commendation, Chloe tooke no small pleasure, in seeing her selfe thus brighte to be magnified in the liking of him, whom aboue al other she most encierly fauoured, wherefoze enclining her lookes to his sweete distilling fauours, she while conceiued the great pleasure in parting of his locks, brown in colour as the Myrtle berries, resembling therein the comlie shape of Adonis, lulled sometimes in the lap of Venus, and denoting in particuler termes the som of al his perfections, with many sugred speches shee began to admire him, which kindling in Daphnis an earnest zeale in contemplation of all her fauours, made him in farther demonstration of the great felicitie he thereby conceiued, to adde vnto his former praises also, these succeeding verses.

*Those hears the golden wiers of my wel tuned sounde,
Become the pleasure of my panges, and make my ioyes abounde.
These seemely eies the glasse, whereof my fewture staies,
And forehead large, the field on which, depends my blisfull raies.
This mouth the deintie spring, that yeldes me cause of life,
Those teeth the pearles of precious price, that cure mine inward grise.
These lips the curroll fresh, that comforts heart and mind,
These looks the guarders of my loue, by whom I fauor find,
Those cheeks the apples fresh, whereon Vermilion taint,
Be mixed with the siluer white, my sugred pleasure paint.
These pits in dented cheeks, are chaires for Beautie plaste,
Wherein, triumphant fauor sits, impugning woes to waste.
This necke of y^ery white, confounder of my cares,
These hands the aids to further that, which loue for me prepares.
These feet the wished steps, whereout my ioies arise
From these and out of these ensue, what els I may deuise.
Thus decked in my ioyes, on her I gaze my fill
Whose shape hath power to comfort all, but neuer force to spill*

Herewith Daphnis hauing taken his flute sounded thereupon
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biners excellent ditties. And for so much as it grew towards the
middest of the date, the melodiousnesse of the sound together with
the heate of the season, brought Chloe a sleepe, their flockes by
this time being couched all together vnder the shadie toppes
which Daphnis perceiuing, stayed quickly his musique, and with
drawing his flute, gaue him selfe thereupon to gaze at full vpon
her most exquisite perfections. And seeing that there was none
about him to countermaund his demeanors, hee began secretly
thus to deliuer in him selfe. Oh howe sweetlie these eie liddes of
my sayre and blissefull Chloe are couched together, howe deli-
cate is the sent and sauour of her bzeath, the sweetnesse whereof
neither these alpine buddes, nor flowres them selues, doe in any
sort imitate, yet dare I not for this, to kisse at all, these sweete
sauours for that the very touch is more peercing than the swords
point, and the force thereof cutteth the verie heart on sonder, and
as the receipt of the newe made honie, so swelleth in those that
touche it the harmefull popson thereof: Neither would I yet in-
force that iniurie to my Chloe, as by to rude pressing her lippes,
to yeeld disturbance to her quiet. Alas these grasshoppers I feare
me with their piping tunes, will wake my deerling. Vee cruell
beastes, why hurt yee so rudely with your hoznes, vnpatient as it
seemeth to giue vnto my deerling any rest. O yee wolves, at this
instant more crauinlike then the foxes them selues, why rush yee
not into these heardes to scatter them on sonder? Whylest Daph-
nis continued in these and such like complaintes, a seelie gres-
hopper egerly pursued by a swallowe, cast her selfe by chance, for
her sauegarde into the bosome of Chloe, by meanes whereof, the
Swallowe neither was able to catche her, nor lenger could vse
vnto her the force of her wing, notwithstanding, the birde came
so neere that with fluttering vp and downe about her face, shee
awakened Chloe out of her sleepe, the feare whereof, made the
Nymphe, (for that shee knewe not what it was) to skritche
alowde, but when shee sawe the Swallowe yet fluttering too and
fro about her, and Daphnis laughing by her at the harmelesse
feare and spoite thereof, shee deemed the lesse of the matter, and
rubbing her eies, yet greedie of sleepe, shee made her selfe readie
to arise.

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The grasshopper was yet betwene her breasts, and as one desired as it seemed from danger, and in the kinde it bare, willing to shewe it selfe thankfull, began to chante where shee sate, remunerating thereby the good turne at her handes receiued, by reason of which, Chloe not yet experienced of the accident, cried outright, and Daphnis againe laughed a pace at the sport, and loathing to grieue her ouermuch, conueied thereupon his hande betwene her breasts, and tooke out the grasshopper, which yet thankfull of his safegarde continued chaunting betwene his handes, whereupon the faire Shepheards knowing what it was, tooke it againe & returned it forthwith into her bosome. Shortly hereupon it befell that a certaine Ringdow sitting in a groue hard by, began to sing, in whose song Chloe taking great delight, demaunded of Daphnis the reason thereof, wherupon the gentle Goatsheard desirous of her vermost satisfaction, began to recompence vnto her, this storie following.

There was (my deere) sayd hee, in times passed, a young damosell fayre of shape, and in the prime of her age, bewtiful as your selfe, who keeping her cattell vpon these pastures, had right excellent skill, both to sing and playe delicately. Her beastes had pleasure in her tunes, and so delightfull was the sounde of her voyce and pipe, that shee gouerned them at pleasure, and was able to drawe them whether she would.

This beautifull *Nympe* sitting vnder a statelie Pine, hauing her head crowned with the leaues thereof, one daye happened to sing a song in the honour of Pan, wherewith her beastes began so earnestly to be enclined, as that they drew them close to her soundes. Nere vnto her was there likewise keeping of Cattell a certaine young youth, freshe and frolicke as her selfe, who right well handled his pipe, and could thereon playe manie deintie ditties. One daie amongst the rest, with intent to shewe that his comming was not bad, hee tooke his pipe in hande, and thereon in disvaire of the *Nympe*, placed so sweetely and melodiously, as that with the ouerpleasing sounde thereof, hee drew from her sight of her fayrest beastes, pursuing the sweetnesse of his Pipe, doe what shee could, and made them to ioyne to his companie, where-with the poore wenche vexed for griefe &

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intollerable dispite, to see hir flockes so muche to be diminished, and chiefly also, that she was thus overcome in hir own cunning, tooke so great a griefe of the same, as that shee praised the gods, and they vouchsafed to change hir into a foule, rather than any more wpth such infamie to returne to hir dwelling. This performed, and she, as you see, being made a bird of the mountaine, in accustomed sort, followeth vp and downe, plaining hir ill hap and losse of hir beasts, whome she seeketh, being thus as she was unluckily overcome, and singing as she was wont to doe, retaineth yet some part of hir auncient tunes and sorrowfull complainings.

In these, and such like deuises, spent they the disportes of the pleasant Summer, till Autumne drawing on, the vintage began to appproch, for that the grapes grew fully to be ripened, in which time certaine rousers of Tyre, hauing a Foist rigged and manned lately from Carye, hapned to come aland vppon the Island, and roming vppe and downe here and there vppon the countrey, they pilld and spoiled all places where they came, and armed as they were, ranne into euery corner to take what they could get, whereby, as chance hapned, they tooke great store of wines, graine, and hony, the noueltie whereof was such, as it was yet in the ware, and therewithall robbed and spoiled the scellie Dorcon of all his beasts and cattell, leauing the man sore wounded, and wel-nigh dead with their blowes. And coursing as they were vp and down in the Island. Daphnis by ill hap walking on the sea-banke, was by them surprised, for yet was not Chloe gone forth wpth her sheepe, being early dayes, and fearing (for she was alone) to be inforced, by some other of the rudest sort of the shepheardes. The rousers seeing this yong youth, faire, seemly and strong, and thinking him of better regard than any part else of their prize, they made no further pursute after his goates, but contenting themselves with his person, and that they had besides. they returned againe to their Foist: Daphnis cryeng out vpon Chloe, the remembraunce of whome in this extremity did enelye consume him.

These theenes being scarce got aboard, and not yet makynge way with their oares into the streame, Chloe by this time was
come

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come vnto the patures with his sheepe, and sailing of Daphnis in the place of their accustomed meetings, seeing therewithall his goats and tender kiddes all scattered and disordered, here and there, she began to feare the worst. At last, hearing his voice, yet crieng and complaining after her (for yet was hee within sound) she left his sheepe, and throwing downe her Pipe, hastned with all speede possible to Dorcon, in minde to require his aide, whome betwene life and death shee founde groueling vpon the ground, halfe slaine of the theeces, and scarce able for stoutnes to deliuer his minde vnto hir, hauing lost of his bloud an exceeding quantitie. The cowheard yet perceiuing Chloe to be there, the remembrance of his ancient loue, kindled in his minde some newell forces, whereby inforcing himselfe a little, he thus sayde vnto hir: My deere Chloe, thou comest euen now vnto mee at the rendring of my ghost, for long I knowe I cannot liue, so many wayes haue these cruell rouers wounded me, and beat me downe as an ore in the stall: neuertheles, if thou wilt, it is yet in thy power to saue Daphnis, and to be reuenged on the wicked creatures for my death. I haue (Chloe) hitherto accustomed my beasts to the sound of my pipe, and that in so certaine and assured manner, as in the hearing thereof, be they neuer so far from me, they wil yet by all means possible draw homewards againe: take here my Flute quickly, and hasting to the sea coast, sound vnto the beasts my tune, that often before this thou hast heard me teach vnto Daphnis, and wherein thy selfe I knowe, art reasonably well instructed by him, at the hearing whereof, my beasts I dare assure thee will shift to come backe, and Daphnis thereby may be saued. My Flute I freely giue vnto thee for thy trouble, whereon heretofore I haue gained the prize among all the hearersmen, onely for recompence I require at thy hands but once to kisse me, whilest yet I am now dieng, and that my soule shal forthwith depart the bodie. and when I am gone, bewaile my death, and yet thinke vpon Dorcon at the least wise when hereafter thou shalt beholds any others a keeping of their cattell, who once aboue all others so entirely loued thee.

Hauing deliuered vnto her these speeches, the kisse he receyued of Chloe, and his life ended at one instant together. Where-

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vpon she tooke his pipe, and forthwith sette it to his mouth, on which the blasts she blew were so shrill, that the beastes hauing knowledge thereof, and the tune thereby deliuered, they altogether with one amaine, busied out of the Foist, and jointly with one poise rushed into the sea, which being but on the one side alone of the ship, the force and waight of the multitude was so great, that therewith they quite ouerturned the vessels, and whelmed men and all therein into the sea, but not with one and the selfe same hope of safetie: for that the cheeues being clogged with theyr harnessse, swordes, and other defensiu weapons, were not able by the waight thereof long to helpe themselves, but Daphnis being light as the Summer season required, vnshod and naked in the vpper parts, easily came to land, supported by the hornes of two of these oxen jointly, betwene whome, hauing cast himselfe, he was easily carried to land, for these kind of beastes by common opinion hauing longer force of swimming than any other creatures whatsoeuer, except onely the fishes and water-foules, the proofes whereof haue bene made by diuers. In this sorte, as you haue heard, escaped the pooze Daphnis in dangerous aduentures at one instant togethers, the one in becomming a perpetuall bondslauie to the cheeues, the other after escape of that hazard, in being deliuered from drowning.

In being come forth of the sea, he found Chloe vpon the shore betweene his former distilled teares, and present reioicing of his safe arriuall, entertaining him at one instant togethers: wherevpon, casting himselfe betweene his armes, he desired to vnderstand of her the cause of her playing at that instant on the flute. Chloe, vpon such demand recounted vnto him the whole progression of speech betweene her and Dorcon, the vse of his beastes to that sound, the robberte, spoile, and woundes by him receiued, finally, his death, and before his dying, how he committed to her vsage the custodie of his pipe, onely of modestie abstained shee to tell of her kissing him, as a matter ouer and besides the chance of that his present delinery. But Daphnis recreated of his heauie labours, forgot not for to honour the memorie thereof in the person of Dorcon for a perpetuall remembraunce, and therefore together wpth his parents and friends celebrated accordingly
his

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his unhappy funeralles, as by the death of whome grew the occasion of his unlooked for escape out of so manifest perilles. His body therefore being closed in the ground, Daphnis with other sheepeheards round about his graue, planted sundry trees, and eache one hung vpon the boughs some part of his cunning maiesties, they cast also therevpon hallowed grapes, and milke, and for that he was cunning vpon the Flute, they fired ouer his graue sundrie sortes of pipes. His beasts being come ashore, piteously belowed, and cryed after him, which some heardsmen interpreted to be a sorrowfull lamentation, for the want of their guide and maister.

When Dorcon was thus enterred, Chloe tooke here Daphnis, and led him to the caue of the *Nymphs*, where shee cleansed and washed his bodie, neat, and pure of it selfe, as the whitest alabaster, afterwards gathering together sundry sortes of floures, as the pleasant season of the yeare then freshly serued, they made chapelets for the images, and ouer the mouth of the caue amongst the other instruments, tendered vnto the *Nymphs* the Flute of Dorcon, as an offering, which being finished, they returned both againe to their flockes, whome they founde all sorrowfully touched together on the tender grasse, abstaining (as it seemed) from their foode, for the losse of those who were wont to gouerne them, whome they deemed to be utterly perished. But hauing againe the sight of their beloued guides, they fell afresh to their pastures, the sound of whose voices and melodious piping, made them for to taste the better their accustomed feeding.

The goats couched before in the lowest bushes, began now to peke to the hilles, the kiddes skipped for ioy, the sheepe and tender lambs amazed no more, but vniuersally reioiced at their presence. Sitting therefore downe on the hillockes, whilest Chloe wearied with earnest labor, & moiled with trauell for the search of hir Daphnis, gaue hirselfe to the fountaine, wherein to bathe and wash hir tender limmes: the parts discovered vnto the yong goatheard, carrieng in themselves the purenesse of hir complexion, renewed afresh in his imaginations the thoughts of his loue. Now began he againe to pant & breath, as if newly he were to be inforced

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for a pray to the cheues, nowe languished he in like sort by his secret imaginations, and so much also inwardly swelled, as it had bene one that had dronke popson, his pulces furiously bet by a disordered heat, as if yet his spirits had bene chased, he lived & longed, and looking was neuer satisfied of that, which alwaies hee most desired. The cristall waters contained onely in one slender spring, in which the *Nymphe* washed herselfe, became vnto his sight, more fearefull than the verie depest seas. Him seemed thereupon, his life as yet stood in hazard, at the hands of the most merciless rourers. And thus continuing in these variable fits, lived poore Daphnis sequestred from the due accompt and benefit of all his passed pleasures, like vnto such a one as him selfe, who beeing alwaies nourished in the fieldes, knewe not howe to make decernement of *Loue* or any part of his subtilties. But shee whose gracious looks were replenished with all kinde of fauour towards him, perceiuing the melancholie Dase wherunto he was drinen, now fresh as the cristall dewes had made her, and much like vnto one of these daughters of the *Springs*, or *Neptunes* berling, the faire *Venus* her selfe issuing out of one of her fathers riuers, in such maner approached she his presence, wherfore for y she was the soueraign guide and director of all his thoughts, she quickly could finde the delay wherewith his continuall courting fancies were presently to be mitigated. Whereupon ioyning her selfe side to side vnto him, each greting the other with many louing imbracements, they enterchangeable framed their tunes one to the other, concluding that daies traueill with this sonet folowing,

Daphnis. *Ye brightest gleames within those percing eies
Whose glimpse retaines a shew of power deuine
Enclose your selues, for feare from loftie skies
Some enuious star do at your glory pine.*

Chloe *Ye mightie powers, to whom these sacred groues
Right pleasing bene. And Nymphes that haunt this shade,
Erue you not with wreake the hardye proues
That Natures selfe in Daphnis shape hath made*

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Daphnis *Alas if Phœbus should the heat for-thinke
That once for loue in burning breast he bare
And mazed at thy fewer, gin to shrinke
From her to thee, then woe betide my share.*

Chloe *Alas if Venus stealing to her Springs
In mind her sweet Adonis to embrace
Thy curled locks should vew whose beautie stings
And thee for him admire, then woe my cace.*

Daphnis *Excelling iewels, beare the choifest price
Things lesse in shewe, enue alwaies the best:
Lesse Phœbe shines, when Tytan ginnes to rise
Where mightie force effects, there shrowds the least.*

Chloe *Unmatched pearles, haue value still for shewe
When best exceeds, who can denie the place
Though things be rated hie, yet this we knowe
It (needs) excels, whose weight hath highest grace,*

Daphnis *Be honored then, thou Nimphe of all the flockes*

Chloe *Be fairest thou of all that guide their beard*

Daphnis *Let still thy name resound on hiest rockes*

Chloe *And Chloe ne're be of thy change asfeard.*



*The second booke of the lones pasto-
rall of Daphnis and Chloe.*



In this time had the harvest season ripned and caried in all the cozne, and the vintage began apace to bee brought in hand, Bacchus feasted in his glorie sate enuironed with the vines and the *Bacchanals* of the youthful god were now to be rellebrated. The people of *Mitlene* each where prepared their vessels fitte and meet for this season, some beginning to haue in a readines their presses, others to wash their tannes, some to make pots and panniers where in to conuey the grapes, others to sharpe their hookes, sheares and knives where-with to cut downe the stalkes, this man prepared pestles to bruse the grapes, they againe scaled hempe to be beaten where-with to make cresset-light to continue burning for them, when the wine wared readie for running. Daphnis and Chloe were not idle in these companies, who putting them-selues also forwarde to the common labour, were of all sortes of the people generallie eche where liked and commended. Hee for his part, caried the grapes in the panyers, and trode them in the troughes, afterwarde also tunned the newe wines, and gaue him selfe with trauell vnto euerie exercise. Shee likewise tricking her selfe neattie, made sondrie things readie for the workemen, dressed their meates, and prepared for them wines of the olde yeare passed, and mingled with milke, and when shee had so done, then would she retourne againe to the vines, and from the bzaunches that she might easelie attaine vnto, cut downe the grapes, for the vines of *Vigneroble* in *Mitlene*, doe all for the most part growe alowe, or at the least-wile neuer to hie, or spreading to much on the trees, whercon the bonches pendaunt also are commonly so weightie and great, and spreading themselves there-with into such length and bzeadth, as that a childe of foure or five yeares old,

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olde, may almost reach vnto them.

And as the custome is in these Bacchanales, whē the grapes are in this sort gathered in, they call from all places of their biliages, their neighbours, as well men as women together to help in the vintage. According wher-vnto they being there assembled a wonder was it to see the womanish demeanors of the most part of those gossips, what censures each of them gaue of y^e yong shepheard Daphnis. They seemed eache of them to bee enamored on all his particularities, some of them hauing in choicest reccening his talke and seemely stature, some his youtfull countenances, not yet fullie growne vnto manly ripenes, others his abourne locks curled naturally in the forepartes of his head, and artificiallie kemed and tressed behinde, on his shoulders, this againe had in estimat his faire & goodly forehead, eyes, & other seemlie proportions not to be despised, shee looked on his legs straight and his calued, that commended his amiable fauours, being such as where-with the *Nymphes* them selues might not disdain to bee acquainted. With those, his actiuitie was greatlye praised, and by them againe his skill in Musique principallie extolled.

One amongst the rest vnpatient, as appeared of her seruenc affection, running vppon a sudden to the bashfull Shepheard, kissed ere hee was aware his delicate lippes, wherewith as one that had beene pricked or stung with a waspe, the blushing youth angrie in his minde at the wrong to him tendred in his Chloes presence, rubbed and roused his lippes, as if thereby he had suffeined some notable blemish.

Nowe as the women fedde thus their gasing eyes vppon Daphnis, so likewise the men on the other side vppon the surpassing demeanours of Chloe grewe greatlye to bee amazed. Her gestures to them appeared of so notable excellencie, as with the like whereof their grosse conceiptes had seldome before beene imbred. The vnaccustomed gasing of whom had cast in her seemeliest face, a vermillion more perfect, than rested in the freshest springing rose, wherewith the verie colour of the fine and fresh garden lillie being conferred, a mixture so exquisite and deintie thereout arose, as that it seemed the purest and liueliest

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counterfet of a sweet fauoured beautie, that might be, had taken
harbour in hir countenance. They daunced oftentimes, and
skipped about hir, as whilom did the *Satyres* in their madding pa-
stimes, full oftentimes wished they themselves to haue become
as the sheepe and tender lambes, the rather to be resiant in the
company of so seemely a sheepeheardesse, and often to be dallied
with and touched in hir delicate hands. The inducements wher-
of, grewe vnto the sectie Chloe, so tedious, as befoze the seuerall
vsages of the others had bene vnto Daphnis. Often wished they
iointlye, that these vintages were once passed, and that their li-
bertie (sequestred from those vnused societies) might retorne to
the again in haunting the valleis, as they were to-foze time accu-
stomed, and that in steade of these fawning praises, they might
once heare againe their mellodious Flutes in the fields amongst
their flockes freshly to be sounded.

After a fewe dayes nowe passed, and the vintage something
spent, their wishes therewith began also to take effect, by means
whereof Chloe in woonted guise ledde earelie in the moyning her
sheepe to the pastures: Daphnis also settled amongst his heards,
as one that had a long tyme beene estranged from his delights,
began with pleasure to haunt the downes, and sometimes with
his goats to cline the steepest rockes. It was a world of liking
vnto him, to soine his pipe and tunes to her notes, sometimes
also plaied he sweetly vppon his Flute, wherevnto, one while
with his voice, an other while with his musike would Daphnis
answere againe artificially. Then dooing their woonted obser-
uances to the *Nymphs*, they visited their caues, groues, and plea-
sant fountaines, and on their statues hung they many bunches of
their faire grapes: Chloe renewed againe their heads and tref-
ses, with fresh herbs and floures, and dallieng afterwards toge-
thers, as beeing returned to the place and resiaunce of all they
happinesse, they entered into their woonted sheepehardes pas-
times.

Now as they were thus playieng, and spending the time togi-
thers, there hapned into their company on a sudden, an auncient
heardsmā, his head and beard snottish white for age, but yet not
altogether spent in yeares, who beeing clothed in the fashion of
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the oldest sheepeheards, saluted these darlings, and presented the with sundry fruits which he had brought thither in his budget. And resting himselfe upon the soft turfe hard by their sides, beganne to enter wth them into diuers discourses. The yong sheepeheard and his *Nymph* had pleasure to heare him, and with great attention gaue heede to all the speeches, that by his auncient experience were deliuered, which hee perceiuing, the good old man continued with great good wil, & hauing ended the same, and they both wooondzing still what hee was, hee entered at the last with them into these termes following.

I am, my sonne (said he) the aged Philetas, which heretofore haue honoured these *Nymphs*, and haunts, with diuers and sundry ditties, and yet record I my Flute at this day, nothing worne from the ancient melodie, in the honour of the mightie Pan. Many stately heardes heeretofore haue I guided, and onelye by the sound of my Pipe, to all thinges constrained, and to this ende came I nowe vnto you, to tell you what I haue seene, and what on your behalfe, hath by the mightie soueraigne of *Loue* beene deliuered vnto mee. There is no hill nor groue heereabouts that hath beene unknowne vnto me, no valley that I haue not haunted, nor spring or fountaine, but I haue tasted, full ofte in my youth haue I reposed these decayed limmes vpon the sweetest grasse, and with pleasure haue I soong vpon these hillockes our sheepeheards merry lapes and pastimes.

And nowe vnderstande yee, that I haue heere-by a very faire nurserie, which by mine owne handie exercise I haue sowed, planted, laboured, and trimmed, with all kinde of delicacies, euen sithence the very time that (constrained by creeping age) I haue abstained any moze to feed and watch my beasts, vpon these goodly plaines. Within my nurserie, there is nothing, that for the season of the yeare may be desired, but I haue it there seated. For the spring time, I haue roses, violets, flourelis, hearbs, and other deuises of sundry sorts: for the summer, peares, apples, cherries, plummes, berries, and fruites of all kinde of pleasure. Now for this season of autumn haue I also, grapes, figs, nuts, oranges, pomegranats, mirtles, and twentie other like pleasures. To this nurserie by reason of the scituation and delicacy, haue

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haue customably alwayes resorted diuers sortes of birdes, of the brauest kindes, flocking in troopes, both to feed and solace themselves, chanting on the branches and hedge-rows thereof, their harmonious soundes, wherein the couert being very spacious and wide, by reason of the great number of trees, euery where growing. giueth vnto them the moze scope and pleasure a great deale, whereby at will they might recreate them selues all together.

In three sundry places of this plote, ariseth three principall fountaines, issuing from the most sweetest and wholesome springs, watering with their euer-flowing toppes, all ouer the gardens. The ground being so wide, and the trees so thicke, make the place seeme a farre off as if it were a woode. Whilist warily I haue daye by daye attended my fruites, and with great pleasure hearkened after the sound of these gentle birdes, behold, for a great space together ech day about noone, I haue perceiued tripping in the shade, vnder my mirtle trees, & pomegranats, a faire yong boy, holding in ech hand pomegranats and mirts. His shape white as the colour of milke, an other time red as the glowing fire, his skinne pure, neate, and cleane, as if euen now he were come forth of some pleasant riuer, naked is he alwayes in shew, and euer alone, and without company: him seemeth to haue great felicitie, in gathering my floures, my fruites, and my berries, and that doth he so freely and so carelesse of checke or controlment, as if the plot were his owne, and not belonging at all to anye other but himselfe, which hauing often perceiued, I induozed manie times to runne vnto him, fearing least in his tripping and skipping vp and downe, he might happen to breake my mirtle twigs or pomegranat branches, but not for this could I euer so muche as once reach neere vnto him, so nimble is he in his flight, and therewithall so swift, and being so escaped, then cooleth hee himselfe couerly, shrowding vnder the rosters, and sometymes vnder the broad spreading poppies, no otherwise than if it were some preatic flying partridge.

Many times haue I coursed after the yong sucking kldes, and often folowed after my tender calves, but this than those, seemeth a farre moze contrarye pastance, for doe what I coulde, I might

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might neuer attaine vnto him, no, when sometimes hee hath almost seemed to be vnder my handes. Wherefore, seeing that no pursute auailed, and considering, that by reason of mine age I became wearie, and fainted, I leaned once on my staffe, watching alwayes his goings, that still I might keepe him in sight, and the tripping lad, drawing something neere mee, I began to reason with him after my manner, and demaunded thereupon, what neighbourhoode he had vnto vs, and vpon what occasion hee tooke vpon him in such manner to enter my nurserie and garden, and without leaue or other demaunde, in sozte as hee did to gather my floures and fruites, wherevnto he answered me nothing, but appzoching something moze neere vnto me, he sweetely beganne for to smile, and daintily seemed for to spozte at mee, casting with his delicate handes, the mirtle berries on my face and breast. That operation the same might by nature haue receiued I knowe not, but with the soft touching blowes, I felt my senses and minde immediatly towarde him to be mollified, neither could I afterwarde for my life, so much as seeme angrie.

Being thus calmed of all mine eager pursute against hym, I conuerted therevpon my coloure to intreaty, gently pzaying that vpon assurance, and without any feare or doubt at all hee would come vnto me, swearing by my *Mirts* and all my pleasant fruites and nurseries, that with as much good wil as might be, I would let him go againe, and besides of my mirtle berries, and fairest pointrants would giue vnto him also the best choise and plenty, and suffer him at all times after when hee listed, to gather both floures and fruites at his pleasure, onely that for all these courtesies and offers, he would permit me at his daintie cheekes to haue but one sole kisse. Here-vpon the gentle lad beganne to laugh right hartily and apase, and with a gay and pleasant cheere, filled with all kinde of delight that might be, hee tendzed vnto my hearing a sound so swete, amiable, and well pleasing, as there is no nightingale, thrush, or other kinde of bird whatsoeuer, that haunteth either woods or hedge-rows, that euer gaue forth the like, or carried in his tunes, so delightfull a melodie, and in the deliuey thereof thus he saide vnto me.

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It can not, nor shall (Philetas) bee unto me a paine to kisse thee. For that of mine owne instinct, and proper condicion, the amiable custome thereof, is giuen to delight mee, and more estimate and pleasure haue I therein, then there is desire in thee to recouer thy youth and wanted passed sportes, wherein thou hast bene conuersant, againe. But take heede that what herein thou demaundest of me, retourne not in the end to thine own hurt and damage, as a thing altogether vnfit and disagreeing to thy present age. For that I can assure thee, that notwithstanding thine auncient estate, wherein thou thinkest thy selfe to be utterly freed, if but in the least sort that might be my lippes should touch thee, thou shouldest yet as horelie boile in desire, and couet to followe me, as anie others. Nowe is my flight so great, as there is neither Eagle, Falcon, nor other foule whatsoeuer, be their winges neuer so swifte, that can ouertake me.

I am not as thou deemest, a childe, albeit in my shape there is at all no other appearance, but for my offspring am more auncient then olde Saturne, or anie auncientie it selfe. When thou Philetas wast here a young-man, and in the flowre and prime of thy youth and iolitic, when thou feddest thy hearers in these marshes, then and long before that, did I knowe thee. Thy playing here on these hillockes and plaines, whereon thou often soundest vnto the hilles and rockes thy wanted tunes, are not to mee vnknown. Neither thy faire Amarillis on whose youthfull beauties, thy amours waxed then so feruent, and notwithstanding nor wee, nor thou couldest euer perceiue mee, yet was I still in the middlest of your loues, neere, and euermore here and there about you. By me Philetas thou enioydest her as thine owne, by meanes whereof thou hast obtained many children, who as thy selfe are at this instant growen vp to be good hearersmen and labourers. So nowe haue I also in like charge two impes of the same kinde, sacred from their infancie to the *Nymphes*, and honouring in their shepheard habits, both the pastures & downes, Daphnis and Chloe, betwixt vnto beauties selfe, and vnto whose affections both Pan and Satires become charie. Having this morning brought them together vnto the downes, I entred immediatly for my disport into thy nourserie, culling as thou seest, thy fruites flowres and trees,

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trees, which thou by thy fruitfull labour hast there planted, and washing my shape in thy fountaines, doe solace my selfe round about the same, which is the cause Philetas, why all thy plantes and herbes do grow with so great successe, and are in their prime so faire and seemely to shewe, for that by the selfe same spring wherein my louing lummies are bathed, thy flowres and plants be watered.

For prooofe of this, behold thy trees, and al thy nourserie ouer, round about, and see if by reason of my passage, sport or daliance there-on, any one iote be broken or perished, the fruites any thing spoiled, or either stalke or herbe, so much as by any of my steps soiled, or thy fountaines troubled, and then repute thereby thine owne happynesse, who only among all others of thine age, hast the daily successe and fruition of my wished companies. He had no sooner deliuered vnto me these speeches, but fluttering forthwith ouer my *Mirtes*, no otherwise then if it had bin some pretie pleasant redbreast, he perched from twig to twig, through & besides the green leaues, and in the end mounting to the verie toppe of the tree, I there perceiued his bowe, his arrowes, his quier, and winges at his backe, in the beholding and admiring whereof, he sodenly vanished away, and I beheld him no more. If now my white heares and aged experience, may giue testimonie of any accident, or that my iudgement thereby may be auailable in ought, then dare I assure vnto you both, that you be chairie vnto *Lone*, and that the respectes and speciall disposition of your actions are wholie deuoted vnto his godhead. Daphnis and Chloe giuing heede to this sage conclusion of the auntient Philetas, conceived as great felicitie therein, as if he had reported vnto them a matter importing a mightie kingdome, vppon which occasion, they began earnestly to demaunde of him, what maner of thing it might be, that so was termed and called by the name of *Lone*, if it were an infante, a birde, or what other thing els that might be conceived, and what was the power and force, and in what manner it swaied. Wherevpon old Philetas answered them againe. *Lone*, said he, is a God, young, faire, and beautifull to beholde, feathered also with winges, by reason whereof his apparance is soden, and taketh pleasure to be conuersant with young folkes, he searcheth fauours, & maketh

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the hearts of men to flie as it were with winges, his powze is mightier then that of Iupiter, hee ruleth ouer the Elements and starres, & ouer those also who are gods as him selfe. Your selues haue not so great soueraigntie ouer your flocks, as he hath powze ouer the world. The flowres herbes and trees, are the labours of *Lone*, by him the waters coole, and the windes doe blowe. I haue seene in the verie beastes and birds also his powze to haue greatly swaied. I my selfe some-times being young, loued the faire and fresh Amarillis, in which time of the continuance and feruencie of mine affection, my feeding and appetite was taken away, I cared neither to drinke nor eate, nor was capeable of any ease or quiet, melancholie and sadness ministred my pleasure, my heart panted in the dailie imagination of her whome I loued, some-times seemed I to be in a traunce, an other time as one that were beaten or toymented in his ioyntes. Merie flames as I thought, were kindled within me, for the stanching wherof, I often cast my selfe into the riuers, and called often-times the mightie Pan to releue me, as he that once had beene amorous him selfe of the faire Pithys, and therefore was not vnerperienced of such lonely passions. I often thanked the *Nymphe* Echo, in that beeing in the woods, shee sondyt times would repeate, the name of sweete Amarillis after me. In so much as perceiuing my selfe manie wayes to be perplexed, I neuer could finde anie remedie whereby to lessen the vehement and ardent flames that fretted within me, saue onely the last and finall conclusion of all manner of affection, which was the sole and onely linke whereby enchained eache to other, my long beloued Amarillis did at the last embrace me. In the enioying whereof I founde that kisses gaue ease to sighes, liking to longing, and bedding eache with other after marriage concluded, the some of all our determined affection.

Philetas hauing thus debated with these seelie louers, leuing (by discription of him selfe) within them, a plaine and euident discouerie of their owne knowne dispositions, and continued griefes, departed at the last vnto his dwelling. Upon all which speeches, Daphnis for his part was not vnmindfull, but finding in him selfe, a perfect patterne of all that by Philetas was befoze discoursed vpon, he founde himselfe now in greater distresse then befoze,

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before, for that *Lone* had long since already begun to touch him to the quicke, wherefore seeing by all similitudes of comparing him selfe with the discourse uttered by *Philetas* betwene him & his *Amarillis*, that the passion he sustained, was only by *Lone*, and that to the quenching and satisfaction thereof belonged, that eche of them might freely and sely inioy eache other, hee began now to studie by all meanes possible how & in what sort he might best endeavour to compass the same. And hearing that *Lone* was a God, and rememb'ring there-withall that the like of the same shape and proportion which *Philetas* had to them described, appeared to their parents in a vision, at such time as by expresse direction both hee and *Chloe* were committed to their cattell keeping, hee began in minde, with humble obseruance to reuerence him. But for asmuch as the extremities reported by *Philetas* to be continued in his loue, had byed in *Daphnis* more perseuerance then the euent also therein deliuered, could by anie coniecture of his owne, succeed to good and present end, the Shepheard vexed with his auncient passion (renued by a freshe conceipt of an other imagination) brake into this complaint, which as a testimony to *Pan* and the other *Nymph*, of his vniolable meaning, hee reserved at one time or other in some of the trees thereabouts to be engrauen,

*To lone alas, what may I call this lone?
This uncouth lone, this passion wondrous strange,
A mischief deadly, such as for to prone
My heart would shunne, if powre I had to chaunge.*

*To chaunge said I? recant againe that sownd
Recant I must, recant it shall indeed
Sith in my heart so many things abound
As yeelds desert how ere my fancies speede.*

*Sweete is the lure that feeds my gazing eies
Sweete be the lookes, that whet my hot desire
Sweete is the harbour where my quiet lies
But to unsweete, she meanes for to aspire.*

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Yet must I loue? I must, and so I doe.
Suppoze it hard the thing whereat I reach
Who doubtles but pearles are for the best to wooe
And greatest mindes to highest actions stretch.

Be witnes yet (my flockes) of all my paine
And sacred groues that knowe my iust complaint
Let aie my loue within this barke remaine
Whom harmefull force haue neuer power to taint.

Concluding in this solitary fantasie the lode-starre of his happiness, who for a little time after the departure of Philetas, had wandered downe to the riuers, approaching apase, the very apparance of whome was as the comfortable Sunne in the Spring time, casting his radiant beames for stirring vp and quickening of all earthly creatures. Their entermeeting together was not without the accustomed pleasure and torments, the mixture whereof, neither grewe altogether exempted from the danger of one other particular most strange kinde of accident, and thus fell out the matter.

There was a company of rich and wealthy youths of the towne of Metelene, who intending to take a little pleasure on the water, coasted in a calme sea, as it happened from the territorie of their owne citie, downe along the coast of Metelene, the bourne-nessle whereof, made the passage the more pleasaunt, in that the same is curiously decked with faire and most excellent buildings. These yong men, passing along as they did, by the Island side, landed in diuers places at their pleasure, not offering violence or hurt to any thing, but quietly still tooke the delight they came for, and departed. They fished, angled, and fowled, with gins, nettes, and hookes at their pleasure, and the country being fertile of it selfe, they not onely satisfied their delight with present pastime, but filled also the table the better with good vittelles. And forsomuch as their intendment was onely to be merrye abroad, they resolved to fasten their boat for one night, with their corde vpon the sea side, and there continue themselves in a towne hard by vpon the side of the Island.

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It chanced that the vintage, not yet being fully gathered in, the laborers working in the night as well as by day, one of them by occasion, had to use a strong corde, which for that he had none of his owne, he went to the coast hard by, and tooke the corde wherewith the boat was fastned. These youths in the morning, seeing the hazard of their boat, being so at libertie, made earnest inquirie of the wrong doone, but the party that did it could not be found: wherefore chiding with their host alittle for the iniurie, they retired backe againe into their vessell, and hauing coursed vp along the coast about two leagues and moze, they came at the last on that parte of the countrie where Daphnis and Chloe pastured their heards together. And for that the soile on that side the coast was altogether large and plaine, almost without any couert, they determined to land there againe, and to haue a course or otherwise to hunt, with their dogges or houndes, if so they might be suffered. For which cause they alighting all together from their boat, drew the same as neere to the shore as coulde be, and cutting downe the bzaunches from a greene ozier standing hard by, they wreathed the strongest of them that they coulde bend, and therewith fastned their boat safe enough (as they did thinke) to the land.

Being now on the plaines furnished with their dogs, hounds, and other necessaries, they began to place their toiles, on those sides and places that to them seemed conuenient and necessarie, but their dogges coursing verie euill, ranne here and there verie disordered, insomuch, as leauing the game, they ranne into the midst of the heards of Daphnis and Chloe, and their continually baying at their very heeles, fraied so much the goats & sheep, that all of them beganne therevpon to be immediatly scattered, whereof the most part of the goats turning directly vpon the sea coasts, Daphnis ranne after the one part of them, and Chloe after the other.

The goats there continuing, and hauing neither bush or ought else to browse vpon, got them to the ozier wreath, with whiche the boat was fastned, and browsing two or thzee of them vpon it, quickly rined the same in sunder, whereby the boat being loosed, floted, by reason of the violence of the waues, immediatly vpon

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the seas. The Methiniens misliking their spoyle, and drawing downe unto the coast, missed the boat, and enraged deeply by reason that with such misadventure, the same, by tempest was thus vehemently carried, had no other reuenge, but altogether fell vpon the poore and solitarie Daphnis. Nowe had the sheepeheard no meane to make any resistance against a multitude, but defending himselfe as hee coulde, hee kepte them backe, till he had cried and called for more aid. Wherevpon Lamon & Dryas, olde Philetas and others a number, that were nereest about them, came forth, and desirous to knowe the cause of the grieve of the Methiniens, they declared, as befoze you haue heard, that beeing at their spoyle, and hauing fastened their boat with a strong oztar band, the goates of Daphnis by their euill attendance and keeping had browzed the same in sunder, wherein their apparell, money, iewelless, and diuers kindes of prouision being, in the same by misadventure of the loosenesse and tempest was vterly lost.

The whole fault and accusation hereof, they vterly laid to Daphnis, and for sentence therein they were content to bee adiudged by Philetas. Daphnis, hee contrary-wise pleaded for himselfe, that in keeping his goates there a long time together they neuer did spoile or offence to any man, but that the badnes of their hounds, & their owne unskilful hunting drawing themselves amongst his herds, made them to take the sea-coast, where whilest he was gathering the greatest number together, two of them lay browzing vpon the greene oztar without his knowledge. Philetas hauing heard both allegations, freed Daphnis fro hurt, and imputed the whole fault as it was to the Methiniens, the yong men enraged herewith, beganne to stand vpon force, and answered, that either they woulde haue Daphnis as slaue for the trespasse, or otherwise be there recompenced their losses.

Here-vpon ensued on all sides a great hurlie-burlie, and the Metelins drawing in still to their aides, the Methiniens were quite beaten out with their losses and discomfited. Being returned home to their Cittie, they enforced marueilouslie to their rulers, the wrongs receiued by the Metelians, not onely affirming

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affirming, that they had beat them, but stoutly also and vntirely inserted, that they had robbed and taken their goods from them. The *Methiniens* conceiuing greate dispite heereof in suche sorte to haue their citizens vled, and they also descended of their most noblest parentage and houses, denounced immediatlie war in open fieldes against the *Metelenians* for the reuengement of these wrongs, but sent them no word at all of this their speedie intendment. For the accomplishment of this exploit, they gaue charge and direction to their Captaine onely for the arming and furniture of 12. gallies, commaunding him with the strength thereof, to enter the fieldes and teritories of the *Metelenians*, and without all pittie to forage, wast, and spoile them of all they could get. And farther strength then this they thought not meet at this present to send, winter drawing on as it did, and therefore the lesse meet to trust a greater floc on the sea, than those which were in such maner by them prepared already.

The captaine slacked no time, but furnished with al things necessarie, coasted that part of the countrie of the *Metelene*, which altogether bordered vpon the sea, and on that side of the land next vnto them, foraged and wasted all the countrie ouer, carryeng away diuers and sundrye booties and praies, as well of cattell, coyne, wine, and a great multitude besides of prisoners, all for the most parte laborers, and such as at that instant holpe in wyth the vintage. This doone, hee proceeded further, and foraged also al along the plaines, where Daphnis and Chloe maintained their pastures, and they being there in like maner, as the others vnprouided of any resistance, they tooke and did what they would on the borders. Daphnis was not as then with his heard, but trauelled a little way to gather greene boughs for his yong and tender kids to browse vpon, & seeing a far off the great concourse & foremost entrance of his enemies, crept into the hollownesse of a certaine crooked passage vnder a rocke, and there hid himselfe. Chloe was then a keeping the flockes, who no sooner perceiuing the byuite and outrage already begun, tooke hir to flight, & thinking to saue hir self by swiftnes, got into the caue of the *Nymphs*. But the foragers hauing quicke sight of hir, followed the trace so neere, as they pursued hir euen hard to the very caue. There
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Seeing no other remedy, he fell flat vnto the souldiours, & prayeng them for the reuerence and regarde due vnto the *Nymphs*, that would tender no hurt, neither to himselfe, nor to any of his beasts. But this petition of hers preuailed not, for the Mechinian souldiours after many villanies and dispites, doone and vttered in direction of the Images, led both him and his beasts away as a spoile, chasing and driving both him and them before them, in most cruel manner, and without any pitie or compassion. And seeing now that they had fully laden their galloies, with all kind of spoiles and booties of euery sort, they ceased to tyre themselves any further: but fearing the vncertaintie of the winter weather, besides the hazard of meetings with any enemies, they desired now none other, but in safetie to returne home to their owne houses, and finding the weather softable to their purpose, they laid strength to their oyes, and made way abroad, the season being so calme, as there was not so much as one puffe of winde wherewith to resist them.

When all the harrieng of this great spoile and brute was at the last appeased, Daphnis sorted himselfe out of his hollowe chine, and came againe into the plaine, where he left their herds when hee went a feeding, and finding there neither goates nor sheepe, nor any newes at all either of them or of Chloe, but onelie the emptie fieldes and plaines alone without anye other creature or companie, and the flute whereon the *Nympe* sweetlye was wont to sound, cast downe and lying on the ground, his heart sweltered within him by exceeding sorowe, insomuch as hee was not scarce able to stand, but lykelie forthwith to haue swooned, and shedding forth aboundaunce of teares, so great was his grieffe, as hee could not chuse but crie out vpon Chloe, and that also right biterlie. First ranne hee to the foot of a hie and vmbzigious rocke, whercon customablie they both were wont to sit and talke together, and not hearing any newes of Chloe thereabouts, he then trudged as fast as hee could downe to the sea coasts, and there not finding her, he last of all returned to the caue of the *Nymphs*, whether him seemed at the first incursion of these souldiers shee made haste to flie, and casting him selfe downe prostrate there, at the secte of the Images, hee
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entred into these of the very like complaints deliuered in verse
before them.

What grieve alas, what hell vnto my woes?
What sorrow may exceede my foule mishap?
What more excesse than mischief where it flowes?
Or deepe dispaire that all my woes dooth wrap?
Vnhappy downes, what ailed wicked spight
To reane from you and me, our sweete delight.

My tender kiddes, if ere your louing skips
You beare in minde, and on this pleasant dale
How manie times your young delighfull trips
Hane Daphnis mo'nd to mourne his bitter bale
Then for his sake that whilom was your guide
Yeeld forth your plaints, and griefes to you betide.

Ye mournfull flockes dispersed where ye goe
To uncouth pastures, yeeld my drearie tunes
Lamenting teares, and sighings full of woe
Wherein my thoughts for Chloes loue consumes
Let be your foode, and your tender walkes
Conceiue the sorrowe that my pleasure balkes

Returne to me your stately heards. Returne
My heart, my ioye, my comfort and my care.
My blisfull Chloe once againe returne.
Ye sacred Nymphs, or death for me prepare
Seale up your springs, and praise in secret lie
If Chloes rape doe cause her Daphnis die.

Infinite were the complaints that the scemely shepheard made
in the Caue, missing the sweetened societie of his chiefest dear-
ling. One while exclaimed he, on the hills, the dales, the springs,
the groues and broad stretched shades, eache one of which he in-
uited to lament the losse of her, whose presence he adiudged vnto
them as to him selfe to haue bene the greatest comfort.

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Then conuering him-selfe againe to the *Statues* in the caue. O vngratefull goddesses said he, that haue so suffered her, who hono-
red your being, with so many sweet regards, to be thus rauish-
ed betweene your hands. O negligent of her whome committed
to your charge being an infant, you would thus suffer to become
a praye to so vile and wicked persons. Why shewed you not your
mightie powers in so manifest contempt done vnto your Images,
your *Statues*, and these springs? what booteth mee in all the time
hitherto that I haue guarded my heards vpon these downes, in
which neuer the wolfe could so much as bereaue me of one of my
kiddes, when now at one instant the enemies haue carried awaye
the whole flockes. Alas Chloe beatest thou the like paine of thy
seelie Daphnis, being nowe estranged from me by foireine ro-
uers? or remembrest thou at all these fields, these valleies, these
Nymphes, or him that waiteth for thee nowe, in this most vnfor-
tunate state? Oh if the sound of my lamentations may any waies
be caried to those landes and seas wherein thou art (alas so farre
from me cooped) pittie yet his distresse, who desperate of all o-
ther comfort than that which hee solie expecteth in thy happie
presence, sigheth and euermore longeth after thee. O Goddess and
Nymphes, to whom these woods and walkes haue at any time bin
charie, reuenge the wrong done vnto those who haue honored you,
and let not my infortunate heards and fairest bewty of my deere
Chloe become an honor to that their cruell conquest.

Hauiing run himselfe a great while into these & such like wo-
full remembrances, (as it often happeneth vnto minds surchar-
ged with too extreme sorowes) a broken slumber surpriseth at last
his restless fantasies. And lying before the statues of the *Nymphs*
in such kind of *Extasie*, there appeared to him in a vision, thre wo-
men seming by their port to haue bin goddesses, their attire altoge-
ther Nymphlike, their countenances freyght with manifest plea-
sures, who yelding vnto him sondrie and most amiable graces, ap-
peared to put forward to his reliefe many occasions of comfort.
Afterwardes the most excellent, as well in stature port and bewty
of them all, casting vpon the forlorne shepheard, her amiable ge-
stures, said vnto him: Cease shepheard, thy plaintes and incessant
lamentations, and henceforth be recomforted, assuring thy selfe
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that thy Chloe is, and shall continue in fauetic. The Nymph is
our charge, to whom her peares and education haue bin commit-
ted from her foznall cradle, and being left an infant in this caue,
we haue purueied hether to for her, and so will continue to haue
speciall conccit & respect towards her. Thinke not Daphnis that
she is the daughter of Dryas, or borne in this village as thou hast
supposed, or that this estate and calling wherein shee now is, befit-
teth her place and parentage. But know that in keeping her flocks
here, & doing vnto vs obseruances, we haue sufficiently laid down
and prouided what shall become of her, and to what ende remai-
neth both your fortunes. She is not, nor shall be lead away pris-
oner to Methimne, nor shall as thou doo best become any part or
parcell of their spoyle. To assure thee the better whereof, knowe
that we haue made meanes vnto the god Pan, who resideth here-
about this large Vine, to become fauourable and adding to our
purpose, for that his power is more pliable, and better exercised
then ours in feates of warre. He is euen now parted from vs,
and gone forwarde at our requestes in the cause, intending to
become a dangerous enemy to the Methimnians. Therefore be
of good courage, and rayse thy selfe from this solitarie Caue, goe
home to thy fostering parentes Lamon and Mirtale, and shew thy
selfe vnto them for their better comfort, who supposing thee with
Chloe to be taken, and spoyled in this hurle burle, haue serched
and sorrowfullie sought the round about these pastures. Thy
Chloe, or euer the faire flower next, shall haue quite valled of her
purple couer powdered with glimping stars, together with both
your flocks, whole safe and entier, shall be here againe returned vnto
thee. Such is the pleasure of the Nymphs, that haue endeouored
to persourne this with such speede, in demonstration of the loue
and care they haue of thee.

Daphnis, ascertained in his imaginations, of the truth of this vi-
sion, awoke, and weeping as much for ioy, as hee did erst for sor-
row, made his deuotions before the Nymphes, and there vowed
that at coming to their promise his Chloe, and flocks, vnto him
shewere returned, he would then sacrifice to the one of his fat-
test kids. And turning fro thence incontinent, towards the image
of the God Pan, who appearing vnderneath the slapply Vine had

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the feete of a goate, and two hoznes on his head, and helde in one of his handes a flute, and in the other a young kidoe, leaping as it were and skipping about him, he also made his prayers to him; to become forward in the purpose, promising in like sorte unto him one of his best and stateliest goates. The evening drawing on, he tooke up the twigges and small bowes which hee had gathered for his goates, and departed home to Lamon, who gladd to see him, contrarie to expectation to be returned in sauetie, reioyced with his wife Mirtale.

By this time now the captaine of the Methimnians, hauing long traueiled on the seas in his way homewards, and laden with great spoiles, and finding his people also to bee some thing ouerwried, thought to take a harbor hard by, and there a while with victuals and some rest to refresh them. And finding at the last a place conuenient did there cast ankers, and gaue them to all manner of sport that might be to delight them, as those that besides the rich bootie they had taken, had no want of wine or other delicate viandes, that the Islande whence they came, could any waies afforde unto them. And carelesse as they were of all things, freed and secure of foes or any other hazard, it seemed at night in the midst of their banquetting, that all the land about them was on fire, and a sodaine noise arose in their hearing as of a great fleet, and armed nauie for the seas, appoaching towards them. The sound whereof and vntoward full sight, made some of the to crye *Arme Arme*, and others to gather together their companies, & weapons. One thought his fellowe next him was hurt, an other feared the shot that he heard racking in his eares, this man thought his companion slaine hard by his side, an other seemed to stumble on dead carcasses. In brieft, the hurrie and tumult was so wonderfull and straunge, as they almost were at their wittes endes.

This great affraie continued in such sorte as you haue heard all the night long, and that in so terrible manner as that they vehementlie wished for the daie, hoping in the appearing thereof to be relieved. But yet their rest grewe not by the mornings shewe as was expected, but rather the light thereof discouered vnto them farre more fearefull and straunge effectes, for the goates and kidoes of Daphnis were all wreathed and entwined about their hoznes

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horns with vine-leaves and grapes, their weathers, sheepe, and lambs, howled as wolues, vpon diuers of their heads were garlands of pine-trees. The seas also them-selues were not void of these wonderfull shewes, for when they that ruled the oares went about to stirre them, they shiuered all in fitters. When they went about to hoyle vppon their ankers They cleaued fast to the seas. The dolphins tumbling about their vessels, bounced them so hard, that they were ready to fall in-sunder, and themselves to be drowned in the seas. A dreadful noise was heard from the rocks, not as the sound of any naturall trumpets, but far more shrill and hideous, which shewed an onset to be giuen vppon them by some waighy armies. Wherof the Methimnians being in exceeding dread, hurled altogether to their weapons, supposing, that the enemies from whome they had rest that spoile, had come vppon them on a sudden, without giuing them respect to gather their weapons.

By the conceit hereof may easily be gathered, howe Pan the mightie sheepeheard ioyning with the *Nymphes*, became aiding to their petitions; and that exercising vpon these cruell rourers, the power of a god, hee deliuered vnto their knowledge, both the mighty powers were not for some cause or other pleased with those their spoiles and robberies. But the occasion by these Methimnians could not be diuined, for that they could not imagine themselves to haue rest away any thing sacred either to Pan or any other of the *Nymphs*. And being as they were in this muse, about the middle of the day, the captaine of their galleies (not without expresse diuine prouidence) was cast in a deepe and heauie slumber. And as he lay sleeping in his cabine, to the great amaze of all the company, considering those tumults, Pan himself in a vision stood right before him, and being as hee was in the shape vnder the pine before described, he vnto him these of the like speeches following.

Ouer all Pan mischievous sacrilegers, howe haue you dared with so great and vnccontrolled boldnes, in armes and shewe of war, to enter thus cruelly vppon my haunts and pastures, deare vnto me alone, as wherevpon reposeth my spectall delights, why haue you rauished from me my flocks and herds, my cattell, and

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beenes, and so thereby dishonoured my walkes and valls, they resting as parcell of my charge, and vnder my sole protection: And not contented herewith haue most contemptuously, and in greatest dispice that might be of the *Nymphes* and of mee, who haue seene it with our own eyes, caried away the faire sheepeheardesse Chloe, euen whē she remained in the caue, as committed to their patronage and charge. I heere protest and denounce vnto you, as I am the god Pan, and as the hurly flockes and heards, are vnto me of sacred pleasance, that no one of you shall euer see Methimne againe, if you do but so much as make meane to passe forwards with this pillage. Nor shall you escape the wraoke of those hideous soundes that you haue heard, without leauing so much as one of you alive, but that the sea it selfe shall soake you vnto the bottom, and your carcasses become a soope vnto the fishes: Render therefore backe againe vnto the *Nymphs* their Chloe, and to me the flockes and heards you haue taken, and set them immediately on land, that I may conduct them backe againe into their haunts and pastures, so dooing, I may remit the residue of the wrong, and suffer you in safetie to returne againe into your countries.

The Captaine whose name was Briaxia, beeing awaked, of this vision, grewe into greater feare and amaze of this heauy charge and speeches. And calling together his souldiours and companies, he caused present serch to be made for Chloe throughout all the galleis, among their number of prisoners, and shee being found with a chapelet of the *Pine tree* leaues vpon her head, hee declared vnto them the expresse commaundement and direction of the god: which doone, they all by our consent set her aland. Chloe was no sooner parted out of the vessel where shee was, but they heard from the highe rockes a sound againe, but nothing dreadfull as the other, but rather much sweete, melodious, and pleasing, such as the most cunning shepheards before their flockes and heards, leading them vnto their pastures. At the noise whereof the goates, kiddees, and sheepe together with their tender lambes, issued ouer the planks, without feare or any regard at all of cull, skipping and leaping about Chloe, as if they seemed to haue iointly with her rejoiced at their present deliuerance. But the other heards and flockes which then did not see her, came

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Came onely these, to whom it seemed, appertained the sounde from the rocke, wherewith they alone were called. This shewd vnto the beholders a great wonder which made them fearefully to regard the power and puissance of the mightie Pan. Another thing as strange as this was shewd vnto them, for that the sheepe and goats of Chloe led by the onely musike, without the aid of any person at all that conducted them, followed on the pastures, and fedde together as they went, as if they had beene therevnto guided.

It was now about the time that the herdsmen after the middest of the day passed, did accostome to drive their beastes and flockes to be pastured, when Daphnis a far off from the top of a hie mount watching the time of his delightfome Chloes appearance, perceiued hir comming with their herds. Whereupon descending with all haste possible into the plaines, with intent to meete hir, he called and cried with loud voice. O sacred *Nymphs*, O honoured and gentle Pan, and without beeing able to speake the rest, he ran with maine force vnto Chloe, and embracing hir fast in his armes, grew so vehemently surprized with the thought, that he had no power to vnloose himselfe againe, so great and exceeding was the ioy whereinto he was whelmed, by the sudden & long looked for sight of her desired presence. But Chloe during this long embracement, so louingly chafed his spirites as that she quickly recovered his surcharged conceits againe. And then recounting together this long seeming time of their short disseuerance, impatient each one at the rehearfall of the others euilles, they got them to the vmbagious rocke, wherein erst they were accustomed with great pleasure to be recreated.

There being set, it is not like but he with great desire serched of her the manner of her bereauing, her vsing and entertainment during all her absence, the summe and effect whereof she gently recompted vnto him, not forgetting, there-withall the hazards and daungers that for her sake they were in, and finally, howe that by the gentle conduction of Pan, shee thitherto had beene guarded and deliuered, whereat the youthfull sheepeheard wondering, and knowing howe mightily his prayers had wrought in the eares of the *Nymphs*, he likewise vnsolded to her his fortune

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for his part reckoned vnto her his griefes, his serch, lamentation, and all things that euer he had heard or seene in her absence.

Now when they had thus ech to other recounted their griefes and cares, and seemed both of them to be well contented and eased of their ill happes, they then deuised of these their ioyfull meetings, to send word to Lamon and Dryas: and onely to make preparation thence-foorth for their promised sacrifices. Daphnis hauing perfourmed what he would or desired herein, the ancient herdsmen were by this time come, wherefore they deuised immediately to go forward to their sacrifices. Daphnis for himselfe first wreathing the yong hornes of one of his fattest kiddes, with broad vine leaues, in sozt as at the appearaunce of Pan to the captaine Braxia, they were decked in the galleis, he brought the same before the caue of the *Nymphs*, and there slaying the kidde, did flea off the skinne, and sprinkling wine and milke thereon, hung it vpp before the *Nymphs* for a memorizall, then banquetted they with the fleshe by themselves, and with manie praisses and notable ditties framed, in their sweete remembrances, praied all togither the *Nymphs* to become vnto them for euermore fauourable and gracious.

But the next day appproching vnto them with a nouell pastime, brought also a new kinde of obseruance vnto them, the manner whereof they wholie dedicated to Pan, in whose honoz til this time, neither Chloe nor Daphnis had euer employed any seruice. To this action also were aiding and assisting both Lamon and Dryas. Daphnis thinking no rewarde sufficient to him that had done him so great a benefite, as not only to restore vnto him againe his heards whole and sounde, which vtterly els had miscaried, but also to bring vnto his bosome againe his Deere Chloe, which of all other things earthly, he most obserued, tooke forth of his heards the goodliest and fairest of all his goates, amongst the which hee chose the greatest and most principall bucke, him decking with wreathed bowes of the goodliest Pine, and al bedewing his forehead and hornes with newe wine, & the milke of one of his speckled goates, he began to make ready his sacrifice.

To this newe obseruance doone to the god of sheepehearbes, came also the good old man Philetas, and with him his yongest sonne

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sonne Syterus, and filling his lap with bunches picked of the finest and most deintie grapes, fruits straunge and delicate for that season, *Mirtle* bowes, and pomegranats yet hanging vpon the branches, and enuironned with their greene leaues, hee approached the Image of *Pan*, and honoring the same with these sundrie presentes awayted the rest that should bee doone and perfourmed by Daphnis.

Before the pinetree where stood the image of *Pan*, compassed as it were in a tabernacle, there was an alter pastorall made of a great square stone, fit and proportioned in auntient time to the shepheards God, whereon the oldest sheapherdes and greatest heard keepers, were wont for the sauetie of them and their heards yearely to perfoyme diuers offerings and banquets, the recozdition whereof, brought good *Philetas* to this pastumce.

Thither Daphnis hauing brought his gift, killed the same besides that stone, and taking off the skinne with head, hoznes, and feete, hanging still about it, fastned the same to diuers branches of the *Pine*, and hong it ouer the image of *Pan*, then causing the flesh thereof in diuerse sortes to bee dressed, they spread their clothes on the stone, and there-with first of all began to furnish their banquet. Then tooke *Philetas* in the honour of *Pan* and *Bacchus*, a great goblet of wine and milke togethers, and dronke thereof as much as hee woulde, and gaue it afterwardes to Daphnis.

During all this feast, appointed to the memoriall of this seemly sheepheardesse, the auntient heardsmen and sheephers, when they had well drunke and vited themselues together, took great delight to recozde amongst them, each to other their trauels passed, then beganne they to reckon the sports and pastimes of their yong yeares, their feeding of flockes, and keeping of cattell togethers, their prizes wonne by diuers kindes of actiuities, theyz shepheards loues, their laies, their many and hard kinde of aduentures to compasse their likings: and finally, out of all these, how many dangers and threatned perilles, as well by thecues, as otherwise, both by land and sea they had escaped. One of them vaunted himselfe in his youth to haue killed a mightie wolfe, another, that with ginnes and trappes he had beene the destruction

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of sundry rauening wild beasts, this man declared how well & christly he had kept his cattel, only aged Philetas, forgetting these long passed memories, recorded howe many times befoze all the hearersmen, & al that honozed Pan vpon their downs, he had in the seruice of *Loise*, & sound of al their bzauest musik gained the victorie: Insomuch as, but onely Pan himself with his sweet Syrix, there was neuer any shepherd found, that in his daies was able to excel him. The praise of this Philetas skil, hartned the fresh & iolly Daphnis with his faire Chloe, to pray of him, that at that instant in honour of the gentle Pan, he would manifest vnto them some part of his science, as the only gift wherein they had greatest desire to be instructed, and wherewith the god of shepheards delighted most to be saluted. Philetas would not denie them so iust a demaund, albeit he something excused himselfe, by reason of his great age, which permitted him not so good bzeathing, and of so long continuance, as whilom in his youth he had. Notwithstanding, he tooke in hand the pipe of yong Daphnis, and beganne to profer thereon, but he found the smalnes thereof to be too litle to comprehend thereon any excellencie of cunning, as being the pipe of a yong beginner, and such as whereon a man so wel praccised, as himselfe was able to shew no great skill. For which cause, he sent his son Tytirus to his lodge, which was distant from thence but halfe a mile at the most, willing to fetch him his owne pipe. Tytirus throwing off his iacket, tripped as light as dooth the tender fawne, running away in his shirt, to shewe vnto Philetas, and the rest, his agilitie, and great nimblenes, during whose absence, to thintent therby somewhat to recreate the hearers, Lamon tooke vpon him to recount in their presence, the hystorie of the faire and beautifull Syrix, which hee saide he heard in his youth deliuered by a Sicilian goatheard.

The company gaue heed to his speaking, and Lamon thus began therevpon in their hearing. This Syrix, saide he, the musicke wherof hath bene from Pan recounted alwayes so excellent, was not by the fozmost antiquity therof at the first an instrument, but was a faire yong maide of fauor and feature most singular & perfect, wel loued she to chaunt and sing foorth hir laies, with grace most wonderful, and harmonie right pleasant. Often frequented she

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the the downes, & had great felicitie in keeping hir flocke. The sheep she fed stood amazed on their pastures, and when they heard hir tunes, immediatly they left their appetite of eating. At hir voice they danced & skipped, the lambs themselves frequented hir sounds, & at the hearing therof, would trip vpon the hillocks. The *Nymphs* regarded much hir musike, and had hir oftentimes to accompany their disports. Pan frequenting at this instant the fields & pastures, and hauing pleasure to chase the fawnes & kids round about the groues, heard vpon a time the faire Syrinx, sitting by a pleasant fountain vnder the shady thickets, melodiously to deliuer forth hir tunes, & hearing the wonderful and variable notes she sang, drew neere and neere vnto the place, and seeing that as well with excellent cunning, as with most rare and piercing beautie she was replenished, he boldly stept to hir, bicause he was a god, & prayed at hir handes the thing he most desired, & being exceedingly amorous as he was, he began to tempt the *Nymph* with gifts, & many other faire promises, saying, that if she would incline to his loue, he would cause, that twice a yere hir sheep and goats should peane and bring forth their yong, & for the greater increase of hir flocks, should haue two at once, besides, the pastures shoulde vnto them be euermore fruitfull.

But Syrinx nothing regarding these amorous offers, vnto hir made by the god, scoffed rather at his shape than otherwise, saying she aspected not the loue of any one, much lesse of such as he, who though he were a god, yet was in proportion more like to one of his goats of his troop, than to a man. The god angry at his disdainful vsage, intended to take hir by force, but shee preventing his fraud by flight, indeuored to escape, & he still pursued hir. And feeling himself in the end to be gretly wearied, he suddenly got at last among the reeds, and therein creeping from place to place, wound himselfe out of sight. But Pan enraged with greater vehemencie than befoze, in that hee coulde not ouertake hir, cutte downe the reedes in haste, in minde to seeke & sue after her, and not finding any thing else besides the marishes, for that shee was utterly banished, hee then perceiued the great inconuenience wherevnto he was driuen, and sorrowing greatly for the *Nymph*, whome he knewe to haue beene conuerted into a reede, hee cropped the

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same reede also from the place, and thereof framed in seauen quills his artificiall and excellent pipe, the most sweete and delicate instrument of any other, the pleasantnes whereof recording yet the melodie of hir from whence it came, beareth at this present the prize and honoz of musike among all the sheepeheardes. Lamon hadde no sooner finished his discourse, and that Philetas with all the rest hadde highly commended it, but Tytirus was quickly returned againe with his fathers pipe, which was composed of diuers reedes great and small together, trimmed at the toppes with Laton, and to him that hadde not beene acquainted with the difference it might haue seemed the former instrument of Pan, which he had framed out of the faire Syrinx.

Philetas then raising him selfe on his feete from off his seate, beganne first in gentle sozt, to assay the quilles, and finding them to be in order, and without any impeachment of the sound or blast, he beganne to shew his cunning. The noise thereof, was questionlesse most pleasant, and therewithal strange to be heard, wherein his artificiall handling the stops, was such, as he could at pleasure make them go soft or hie, as him listed. Then began Philetas for the more enlargement of his cunning, to shewe vnto them vppon his pipe all sortes of pleasures and pastimes that hee could, the moodes whereof he handled with such perfection, as all that he plaid, you woulde haue thought almost to haue beene a thing indeede effected, whether it were in actions belonging to the feeding and garding of all kinde of beastes, which in sundrie orderly tunes he diuersly had expressed, or in any sozte otherwise.

All the companie were whusht and verie attentiu vnto his soundes, without one worde or other speaking at all, till Dryas at the last rising from his siege, praised Philetas that hee would sound forth some excellent tune in the honour of Bacchus, where vnto himselfe like wise daunced, and there handled the manner of their vintages, one while seemed he to carry the pots, then to bring the grapes in a trough, after to lade the iuice into diuers vesselles, lastly, to tunne the wine when it was made, al which so promptly and readily he did, and with so naturall a grace, as vnto the beholders did minister occasion of great pleasure, inso-

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much as them seemed verily before their eyes, to see the vines, the grapes, the troughs, the tunnes, and Dryas himselfe, drinking in very deed of the newnesse thereof.

This olde fellow hauing so neate and finely done his deuoir, ranne immediately after to Daphnis and Chloe, and winding their turnes next wherewith to conclude the pastime, the faire yong goatheard counterfeiting himselfe to be Pan, and she the faire Syrinx in their daunces, he first beganne to wooe hir, and she refused, then would he inforce hir, and she then departed, he following hir, she fled, then ranne he to ouertake hir, and she seeming wearie, bicause the reedes wanted, hid herselfe closely behind the bushes. Then Daphnis taking in hand the great flute of Philetas, sounded thereon a dittie lamentable and piteous, and of one amorous, that knewe not to be satisfied: of one suing, and still was refused, then sounded hee the sorowe and grieve of hys want growne by extremitie, and that in so rufull manner as moued the hearers generally to compassion and pittie, after closing his pipe vnder his arme, as one desperate of hir hee pursued, hee chaunted forth in their ptesence this rufull complaint following:

*Ye heauens (if heauens haue power to iudge of things amisse)
 Ye earthlie guides that swaie and rule, the stem of all my blisse,
 Ye starres if you can iudge, ye Planets if ye knowe
 Of haynous wrongs, that rendred beene to men on earth belowe,
 Then iudge, repite, & deeme, giue sentence and diuine
 Of all the wo that rues my hart, and causlesse makes me pine,
 If right to men of right belongs with equall doome,
 Then heauens I pray admit my teares, and do my plaints resume,
 Your sacred powre it is that yeeldes me bale or boote:
 The sighs I spend are else but waste, and vaine is all my sute.
 I loue, alas, I loue, and loued long I haue,
 My loue to labour turned is, my hope vnto the graue,
 My fruit is time misspent, misspending breeds my gaine,
 My gaine is ouer-rulde by losse, and losse breeds all my paine,
 Here my gastly ghost could halt or go arrie,
 I aske no fauour for my sute, but let me starue and die,*

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But if by fixed faith by trouth I sought to clime
By seruice long that nere should be shut up by any time.
If onely zeale I beare to that I most desire
And choice regard of purest thoughts hath set my heart on fire
Why should not my reward conformed be with those
Whose liues at happiest rate are led and crane aright suppose
If this be all I seeke, if sole for this I serue
Then beauens vouchsafe to graunt me this els let me die and sterue.

Daphnis hauing ended his song and mulique together, the olde Philetas could not but commend therein both his youth and verie forward inuention, and abashing him selfe wonderfullie of his so great towardnes, in signe of loue and good affection he bare vnto him, he gaue him his flute as he that for his present skill had well shewed himselfe of all others neereſt to approche his cunning. The guyſt whereof Daphnis taking right thankefully, offered immediatly his owne pype vnto the God Pan, and after he had ſet forth Chloe and kiſſed her, as one whomin newlie he had found & receiued from a very flight indeed, the company diſſolued here-vpon, and each one returned home ſeuerally. The night drawing on, comanded euery man to the reſt, & daies trauel alſo taking end, they iointly repoſed their heards in their peculiar places. But theſe two louers not hauing herewith fully concluded, al their determinatiō, began in their going homewards, eche one to make a particular intereſt of the others affection. And to the ende the better aſſurance thereof might paſſe to both their contentments, they iointly agreed to geue eche to other an interchangeable oth. In ſo much as Daphnis firſt beginning, returned back to the Image of Pan from vnder the *Pine*, and taking his Chloe by the hand, ſaid.

I ſwear and here proteſt by the God Pan, through whole ſacred aid, I purchaſed thy late deliuerance, and whom for this purpoſe I zealouſſie do here call to witneſſe, that Chloe of all others ſhall euer be vnto me moſt deereſt, and that without her I ſhal not at any time think my life to be prolonged in happines. This done, Chloe leading him alſo to the caue of the *Nymphs*, ſwoze and proteſted there the like othe in their preſence, affirming ſolemnely that

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that she would euer live and die with her Daphnis. But Chloe as she that was young, plaine and simple, and vnused beforetime to the fidelitie of mens promises, recounting with her selfe that Daphnis in his othe had called the god Pan to bee a witnessse, would needes haue in the same caue by othe also to make her a newe promise. This Pan (my Daphnis saide shee) is a wanton god, verie subtil and amorous, in whom there is at all no credit or affiance, he hath beene enamored on Pitys he hath loued Sirinx, he pursueth also dailie y Naiades, & likewise the *Nymphs* Dryades, in him is nothing but inconstancie and chaunge, so that if swearing by him, thou after wardes dost falsifie thy promise to me giuen, he will do nothing but sport at thy deceit, because he is trustlesse himselfe, though thy loue tend to as many as he hath canes in his Syrinx. But sweare thou me here before these *Nymphs*, by the tender goat, by whose louing care & suck thou wast preserved, that Chloe neuer louing any but thee, thou wilt not forsake her. And when shee faileth at any time vnto thee of the othe and promise she hath swozne before the *Nymphes*, then chase her heere and there, or slea her at one stroke as if she were a wolfe.

Daphnis greatly contented in minde at this hote pursute of Chloe, would do nothing at all that might impugne their fantasie, wherefore standing before the caue of the *Nymphes*, in the midst of his heare, hee tooke the horne of a buck in the one hand and of a she goate in the other, and there swoze vnto Chloe the othe and assurance she required, wherewith the *Nympe* beeing right well satisfied, esteemed of the sheepe and goates to bee gods more proper and meete vnto shepheards, whereon to haue protested then any other persons, that thereunto might better bee accepted. And sealing by the memorie hereof with manifold embracements, the stars now ginning to peare through out all the skies, commended the residue of their meanings, to an other daies conference, wherby their loue and pastimes were at this instant concluded together.

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*The third booke of the loues pasto-
rall of Daphnis and Chloe.*



He brute of these late spoiles hauing greatly enraged the mindes and courages of the Metelenians against those of Methimne, in that without all lawe and order of armes, they had thus entred vpon and pillaged their landes and countries, they esteemed it a thing to farre vnmeeete this estate and seigniozie to put vpon the reproche of so great a damage, considering that the reputation of their soyle was neuer before enabled to the dishonorable tolleration of so heinous and expresse iniuries. Wherefore beliberating with all possible speede to be reuenged vpon them, the Prince and counsell of that state, caused incontinent to be leuied in their Island, an armie of seuen thousand footemen, and thzee thousand horsemen, and thereof made Captaine generall, a notable and right valiant gentleman, whose name was Hippasia, commanding them to leaue the sea (for the winter stormes approaching) and to marche with easie iourneies by land, into the territories of the enemies.

Hippasia hauing receiued his charge, departed from Metelene, and with his companie made such speede, as that in verie short space he came to Methimnia, where behauing himself right honozable, wherein he vsed neither crueltie nor tyrannie, anie in the countrie where he came, neither fouredged he their landes, or tooke at all anie praye, spoyle, or bootie from the poore people or labourers. For that standing highly vpon the honoz of a Captaine and his owne reputation, he deemed those kinde of proferings to be the workes rather of some thiefe or rouer, than of him that should be a Captaine, or among souldiers esteemed as a generall. Wherefore to auoyde this slaunder, and to the intent by some notable valor to accomplishe the matter hee came for, he tooke the direct waye leading towardes their citie, intending there by force of armes

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of armes to make his conquest honourable, and not otherwise, In which pretence he well hoped by his more then common industrie to use so great expedition, as that vpon a sudden hee might enter their portes before they had time to knowe, or leisure to prouide for anie resistance at all if it were possible.

But he in this resolution being now come within a six miles of the citie, contrarie to all expectation, respecting the great brauado they had tofore time geuen, encountered with a Herault of armes sent vnto him from the Magistrates & people of the same. Who had in request with all submission to deliuer, that the Methimnians not seeking warre at his handes, or to haue to do with armes, desired only to haue peace. And that being enformed that the vppore committed in Metelene, began at the first by the insolencie of a fewe young men of their citie, and only betweene the peasantes of the Islande and them, and that the worthiest sort of the Metelenians neuer consented to the cause, nor had hetherto till this present entermiedled in the matter, they were therefore hartelie soze for the iniuries by them on their partes offered, and desired therefore, that as good and louing neighbours, they both might thenceforth trafique and liue anew together, and for any wrongs by the Methimnians to them tendred, or prisoners take, or spoyles made, they were readie to restore and make amendes, in anie sort that reasonable might be required.

Whereupon were these articles with other conditions of peace therein also inserted, and to the Herault deliuered in writing, presented to the generall Hippasia, who being a man alwaies honourable conceipted, and well weighing of the cause in hand, together with the largenesse of their offers, albeit he had in cōmission by full power and aucthoritie to do vpon them what manner of spoyle he might or could, yet neuerthelesse abstained hee viterly therefro, and yet continuing his forces hard by vpon them, gaue leaue and libertie vnto the Ambassadors of Methimnia, to passe through his armie, and to goe with their ambassage vnto their Prince, and both to the same Prince and counsell, aduertised hee also in repozt the said articles and offers, desirous to know therein their spedie opinions and pleasure. The considerations of this treatie seemed vnto the Councell of Metelene to bee of so great
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consequence, and the conditions eke of the same to them so honorable, as that vpon a litle debatement had with th'ambassage they receiued their offers, & for the more confirmation of what on each part intended (after present restitution made of such wrongs and trespasses agreed vpon : and hostages giuen for a surplusage of money shortly to be paid vnto them) they associated other commissioners to Hispasia, and by effectuali letters returned, gaue order vnto him and them of a new league and peace to be made.

Hispasia harkened to all thinges to him on that behalfe entoy-
ned, & traueiling with those persons to whom his auctoritie was
herein now annexed, brought the matter forth-with to very good
conclusion. Thus was the Methimnian warre being enterprised
and taken in hand by a straunge beginning, as soone as the same
came in huite, by this meanes all at one instant both published
and ended. The finishing of this strife, brought the Winters en-
trie vpon their backes: the sharpe season whereof, by reason of the
great frostes and snowes immediatly ensuing there-vpon in so
great abundance, became right piercing and hideous. Now was
the vncomfortable time wherein nothing then stormes, and blu-
stering northeren blastes were so rife, the snowe lay thick lined on
the ground, shutting the poore labourers with the great depth
therof fast into their houses, the springs rattled downe the moun-
taines with their icie streames, the trees spoiled of their gallant
brauerie seemed as dead, the earth appeared no where but euen
vpon the verie brimme of the riuers and fountaines. It was now
no time to leade the beastes to pastures, nor to suffer them almost
to go out of doores. The freeing Boreas called for great fires,
which according to ancient hospitalitie of shepheards, was made
on a large hearth in the midst of their halles, the blasing the we
wherof immediatly after the mornings cocke, invited each one in
the cold frostie seasons, to drawe round about it: and there with
farre more easie labour then abroad, to dispatch their household
busines. The hindes and such as tilled and labored the groundes,
tooke herein great pleasure, in so much as the bitterness of the
weather, became vnto them for the time being, a releasment of
their hard endured labour, so that sporting themselves in diuers
householde pastimes, they chaunted their countrie tunes, and di-
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uers songes accustomed in their vintages to y^e hono^r of Bacchus,

But young Daphnis, rememb^ring himselfe of his Chloe and all their pleasures passed, accused the gods (as enemies to nature, and her goodly b^rauerie) in this sort to macerate and punish the mother of all earthly creatures, Chloe whose fancie was also as his, thought some manifest w^rong to be t^rend^red vnto Pan and the Nymphlike fountains, in thus discoler^ring their daintie springs and walkes, & fl^reing without mercie vpon their nurses bosome, the sweetest of all their derlings. It ioyn^tly grieued them when they sawe their sackell wherein they went to carie their foode together, their bottel also wherin their wine was many times filled, how in a cozner they lay despised and vnoccupied, the hills also, the groues, and sweete smelling eglantine, and woodbindes growing on euerie bushes, did wonderfully vex^e them to see how all their glorie was spoiled. Often would they whister & murmur in them selues saying, O when shall the earth againe recouer her wonted forces, when wil the soft and fresh coloured greene with motlie pinks & sweetest primrosen spring vpon these hard knotted turfes, & clustered clods againe. And when they beheld their flutes and pipes lying by the walles vnoccupied, the echo whereof was wount to resound ouer all the woods, then grieued it them to thinke what enterchangeable notes, each of the accustomed thereon to deliuer vnto y^e other, & how their sheep & goats, would with great pleasure skip & daunce at the hearing therof. These & such like rem^bbrances, reu^ruing in them a kinde of pleasure mixed with sorrow, for their ouerlong debarment of these desired recreations, made them eslon^es to pray, the *Nymphs* & gentle Pan together, to hasten their deliuerie from these cruel euils, & that at the least wise they would now in the end discover vnto them & their beasts the glorie of the faire sonne shining beams. And in making these prayers vnto the gods they began to imagine of diuers & sundrie inuentions wherby to compasse the companie eche of others, but to so hard was it for Chloe anie way to enter therinto, for y^e shee was alwaies watched vnder the wings of her supposed mother, & kept hard to spinning of wol and other such countrie exercises.

There was befoze the house of Dryas two *Myrtles*, betwene whome did growe also an *Iuie*, the baines whereof wound on both sides ouer the others boughes, on which the berries

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were as if they had beene bunches of grapes, by occasion whereof, the winter being hard, and the ground thicke with snowe, there flocked thither continually a great multitude of birdes, as well thrushes, red-breasts, larkes, ringdoves, and sundry other foules. Under the colour of these, Daphnis, by pretence of going a birding, having prepared his lime-twigs and other necessities, to come befoze the house of Dryas, and vnder the *Myrtus* aforesaide, pitched his nets, and laid his lime-twigs.

The distaunce betweene both houses of Lamon and Dryas, was about halfe a mile, and were it not, that the furie of *Loue* is such, as neither feeleth heat nor cold, weather or winde, whereby to compasse the satisfaction desired, it happilye might haue bin (the season being such as it was) the fowler would haue had litle liking at that instant, to haue passed betweene both houses to lay his twigs, considering y^e the same hauing no tract at all, so moiled the labouring sheepeheard, as with long standing afterward in the colde and wet, he might peraduenture haue had his paines but badly rewarded.

But these, and such like warie coniectures, being scaled from *Loue*, the sheepeheard neither felt nor regarded it, so well able was his youth to out-countenance the burthen therof. Not long had Daphnis staid there, befoze his nettes placed, and the twigs therevpon in order prepared, but downe came the birds by heaps, and fluttered immediatly, by the legges, he tooke and kept which he list, and the residue let flie. Then returned hee backe to his nooke againe, and there watched his birdes, and faire Chloes also, to come thither togethers, but the envious soile hadde so rammed in their doozes, by sharpenesse of the weather, that there was not so much as a cock or a pullet scene to look out either at dooze or windowe. Thus staid the amorous lad all the fore-noone long, and till also the middest of the day was reasonablye well spent: his birdes were vppe in his budget, and yet Chloe came not, nor any body else appeared to take notice of his being there, according as hee hoped, and faine would be by some meanes or other haue procured, which seeing the dismayed youth, he began to accuse the unhappy houre, and vnfavoring planet that raigned at his footth-going, deeming that hee had not well pic-
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ked his time, that the gods were vnto his wish at that instant no more fauourable: yet resolved hee not so to depart and loose his long employed trauell and watching, but desperate howe by any chaunce he might haue occasion to issue forth, hee beganne to imagine with himselfe, what coulour or excuse most credible, hee might set vpon the cause, whereby to take occasion to visite her.

If (said he) I should say I came for fire, they might aske me whether neighbors neerer hand were not to giue it, and so laugh at my follie. If I should, being thus farre from home, and now in fowling, craue of their vittelles, they might by search of my budget perceiue that I had enough. If I should aske of their wine, why, we are not without our selues, for it is but thother day since our vintage was in. If I should counterfeite a feare of the wolfe, then where is the trace. If I shall tell them, I came to catch birds, why am I not then packing when I haue doone my businesse? If plainly I should then deliuer vnto them howe I came to see Chloe, that toie were too plaine, for who is hee so simple that would saye to a father and mother, I come to your daughter? Insomuch, as none of these occasions seemed vnto him to be voide of suspicion, as that in handling of anye of them hee coulde not needes be descried. For which cause, seeing no way nowe left to satisfie his intendment, he concluded to make of necessity a vertue, saying to himselfe: Well, this too cruel season and peruerse enimie to our affections will not euer holde, one day wil the spring time be returned to his prime, and then shall I see againe at libertie my Chloe.

Whilist the loning lad was thus concluding vppon his impatient affections, and hauing buckled vp all his trinkets, in full minde to be gone: It seemed that *Lone* expressly pitieng his hard and ouer long sufferance, suggested a sudden occasion, which maruellously sorted to the effecting of this his awaited purpose. Dryas and his family within doores being ready to haue setten down to meate, it fortun'd, their faces being turned from the table, and the meat set on the boorde, a mastiffe that was in the house, seeing none to regarde him, suddenly caught in his mouth a great peece of meate from the table, and as it hapned, of the best and

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principall part of the same. Which Dryas seeing, as the dogge chaunced to go out of doores, he followed, harrieng, and rating him with a great cudgell in his hand, and passing along to beat the dog, sawe Daphnis without, yet standing vnder the *Myrtes*, with his trinkets on his backe. Whom when Dryas perceiued, forgetting at one instant both his dogge and meate together, he louingly turned himselfe to the yong shepheard, and taking him by the hand, led him into his house.

Daphnis seeing the good fortune heereof, coulde not frame himselfe to make any shew of refusall, to that which he had befoze so feruently longed after, but entred willingly with Dryas. Where the first object that presented it selfe befoze his eyes, was the sweete Chloe, who meeting also hir beloued on a sudden, with great paine, they both with-held themselves that they were not surprisid and quite ouerwhelmed with ioy, but modestie, and seemely bashfulness, casting on hir a secret couert, and meere constraint in him, that in any sozte hee might not be reuealed, they ioyfully eache for the present saluted the other, as befitted, and so parting on sunder Daphnis was by Dryas led forward to *Nape* to be welcommed.

To tell you of the old Dryas, how much he made of the youth, were wonderfull, for that being once entred, he could not be suffered that night to returne backe againe. O thrice blessed hap, how fauourable wast thou at this instant to the mutuall desires of these louers, and thou *Loue*, well might it be saide, that thy care in them was not so much as in one iote perished. Daphnis looked not to be demanded of his carriage, nor what lucke he had then in his birding, but unbuckling freely his budget, he referred vnto his friendly host, both the choice and plenty thereof, at his pleasure to be accepted.

The dayes naturally approached at this instant to their greatest shortnesse, and nowe the purple couert of Iupiters segniorie, beganne to take hold in the element, and chaling the fast fleeting *Aurora*, into her westerne cabbin, all bedewed as shee was with hir duskie snowish couering, made Dryas both in fire, cheere, provision, and all other intertainements to seeke to welcome within doores his guest. Chloe was not behinde hand to doo him al
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the fauours shee might, yet was she wooed of a great many, and many wealthy proffers were daily made vnto Dryas to obtaine his good will to marry her, but the faire shepheardesse, wholly deuoted as she was to an other purpose, freely now reioiced at the sight of him shee liked, but not so frankly, as when besides the downes they pastured their fruitful heards for the times, and seasons thereof affoorded vnto them a farre greater blessednes. Yet *Love* continuing his good graces in their auowed furtheraunce, made Dryas and Nape about some secret occasions to withdraw a little their presence, whereby the amazed youth surprized at the sudden motion, and loth to leese the opportunitie, raught Chloe quickly vnto him, and stole from hir a kisse ere she was aware. O howe hony sweete vnto him was the pressure of those hir candie lippes, and howe much eased hee his minde therein, the content whereof was such as hardly he would haue exchanged for a mighty *Seigniorie*.

But when the *Nymph* also beganne in louing sorte to challenge him, and seemed to counterfeit an amorous mislike of that hee meant so neare to appoche the place where shee was, and yet would not come in, if he had not bene of Dryas required, howe neere then beganne his very thoughtes to melt and consume him inwardly, when excusing the manner thereof wth some bashfulnesse, shee was faine to pronounce a free pardon vnto him, or euer hee was able to demaunde it, else hadde hee bin in the retourne of Dryas discovered by his very countenance.

But Dryas hauing no other minde than howe to make cheere to Daphnis, whome by a more peculiar affection than to any other, hee feruently embraced, called for what might bee hadde to supper, and afterwards spent sooth the time, vntill the length of the night called them to bed-ward, where, with what kinde, and howe many sorts of imaginations poore Daphnis reposed, I leaue to the full pleasing content of euery leuer to be discerned.

The next day calling them sooth to the celebztion of a certaine pearly feast, euermore with great and most religious deuotion honoured among all the shepheards from the highest vnto the lowest of that Island, and all the territories therevnto adioyning, made Daphnis (who till his comming to the house of

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Dryas, and the preparation there seene was ignoraunt thereof) to bestir himselfe early in the morning, with intent to prepare him also with the rest to these sacred obseruances, the custome and occasion whereof grew thus. There was at that present a Princess, by lyneall dissent sprong from out the auncient and most renowned race of their worthiest Kings, who swaying the Scepter of that Island had with great happines to her people, fame to herself, honour to her countrie, admiration to the world, and loue to her subiects, in a farre estraunged manner of pollicie, peace, and most wonderful successe ruled and raigned by the space of many yeares ouer them. Their Queene was then, and so alwaies continued a virgin, wise was shee as the sagest, regarded as the mightiest, honoured as the rarest, followed as the fairest, and reputed of as the worthiest: Her yeares as it seemed, were vnto her subiectes most precious, for she might assure herselfe of all the Princes that liued in her time, to be most entirely beloued. Her soueraigntie and rule in the greatest reputation thereof, it principallie bare swaie, and chiefe honour of that Island, yet was shee of auncient, incited to farre greater gouernements, and as then also besides possessed of larger iurisdiccions and kingdomes. The recozdation of her happines, her rule, her power, her honour, and vertues, for the manifold benefices thereout dailie reaped by her exceeding worthines, vnto the vniuersallike of all her louing subiects, made this daye for euermore sacred among them, in which shee liuing they in testimonie of their inseperable and gratefull pietie, loue, dutie, and affection towards her, with sundrie accustomed triumphes, praiers, bowes, feastes, and banquetings, do ioyntly altogether reioyce, and ten thousand times beseech the soueraigne director of all humaine actions, that long and ever shee may liue blessed, famous, happie, and in all her vertuous actions most hie, peireles, and inuincible among them.

Of this daies reuerend and most seemely obseruaunce, were sawtoz the greatest and mightiest of all the Shepheardes, for that them-selues challenging in the fertilitie of their fieldes and flocks, whereby their heards mightilie still encreased, and they in riches abounded, to be in this action vnto her rare and most singular clemencie of all others most deuoted, as they that by her vertues

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tunes and long continuance had euer receiued the greatest benefit, did alwaies therefore ioyntly and willingly, for most of all others procede in this enterprize. The youtfull and gallantest troppe of them richly trimmed on horse-baake and on foot, exercised in her honer diuers and sundrye seates of actiuitie, the rest, and those that were more auncient, attentiuely reioycing and beholding them, Afterwards they altogether came to a publike place, to that sole end and purpose, specially of long time reserued, where reuelling and sporting themselves vniuersally in all kinde of shepherds, pastimes & dances, they sing before Pan and the *Nymphs*: who reuerencing also with like regarde the *Paragon*, whome they honor, assent to their tunes and musique, and yeelde therevnto for the greater beautifying of the same, al sweetnes and pleasure that may be.

To this feast came the good Melibceus and Faustus, the yong and gallant Thyrsis, Philetas, and Tytirus, with sundrie the most ancient and skilfull shepheards, descending out of the places most statelie of all that Island, they brought thither in signe of their loues, many fayre and gallant presents. which they offered for her safetie, whome they honored to the father of the gods, to Pan and to all the *Nymphes*. Eliza was the most excellent and braue *Princesse*, in whose fauor, memorie, regarde, and kingly worthynesse, they ioyntly thus assembled, to celebrate with perpetuall vowes, her famous and long continued happinesse. And to the intent, this festiuall, as it was the day peculiar and most principall among the shepheards, and wherein each one then indeuoured to be commended, in the greatest and highest actions, so gaue they it a name singular and proper to their owne intendments, calling it vniuersallie the *Holiday of the Shepheards*, which in soze following beganne to be effected.



The shepheards Hollidaie.



Their sacrifices, vowes and triumphes, with all reuerence required being perfourmed, the most artificial & cunning of the shepherds layned together in company, & their deliuey byp their instruments sundry sorts of musike, hauing among them all most excellent comfozt, & knowing the great worthines of Melebecus, & large accept among them that vniuersally hee had attained, they prayed him first, in example to all the residue, to strain his ancient tunes to the religious aduancement of those their forwarde seruices.

The grane old man reuied not at all their suites, but gladly taking in hand his harpe, plaid thereon a right solemne sound, such as whilom Yopas handled in the banquets of Dido, at what time in her princely pallace she feasted the noble Troian duke Aeneas, so or more exceeding farre were the strokes of this honored shepheard, which done, he reuerently uncovering himselfe, and standing vp before all the company, deliuered vnto them in song this inuention following,

IN statelie Romance of the worthie liues,
Of mightie princes free from fortunes grieues,
As such as whilom in their kingly raygne,
Of vertues selfe were deemed soueraigne,
From out the stocke of euery princely line,
A choyce was made of noble worthies nine.
Of these and such as these a manie moc,
Haue diuers Poets written long agoe.
In skilfull verse and to the world made knewne,
The sondrie vertues in their liues that shone.
For kingdomes well we know and statelie ruls,
Possessions large and chaire of honours stoole,
Gold pearle and stones with iewels rich of price,
Large pallaces built by deintie rare deuice.

Yet

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Yea all the pompe that worlde can here afford,
Or masse of treasure laide in manie a hoorde
Ne are each one but for the roome they beare,
A mortall shewe that earthly honors reare
But when we come to talke of worthines
Of kinglie actes and Princely noblenes,
Of right renowne each where that spreadeth farre
Of honored titles both in peace and warre,
Of their decease that euer liue by fame,
Tis vertue then that yeeldes a glorious name,
The welth of *Cræsus* quickelie was forgot
Darius eke his rule by death did blot
And *Philips* sonne the *Macedonian* king,
His latest powre in shrowde of graue did bring
King *Dauids* sonne the tipe of sapience
That whilome liud in greatest excellence
His gloryous state in life wherein he was,
Is sheuered all like to a broken glas
His rich attire his pompe and dailie charge
His rarest buildings, chambers wide and large
His temple huge with pillers stately built
Sweet smelling roofe with rafters ouer guilt
The plated walles of brightest golde vpon,
And costlie siluer fret with manie a stone,
His pallace and the numbred square degrees,
That from his throne a deepe discent contriues,
With equal numbers matcht of lions strong,
Of malsie golde vpholding pillers long
Of marble white, with veines by nature wrought
In precious wise, as rich as may be thought:
His costly throne bright shining to the eie,
That in it selfe reteind a dignitie,
His many pleasures thousands moe than one,
In walkes, in fruits, in fountaines wrought of stone,
In musike strange, in sugred harmonie,
By sound stroke and voices melodie,
In quicke solucions made of strange demands,

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In fundrie artes wrought foorth by diuers handes
In womens pleasures and their sugred smiles
In all the giftes of fortune and her wiles
In what by nature could for sweete delight
Besit the mind or please the outward sight
What each conceipt imagine could or scan
That might contenting be to any man
All this and more by all that may be thought
On earth to please or liking breede in ought
Were it in skill, in word, or power to frame
The same in him did breede a glorious name
Yet perisht is his rich and fine aray
So that as erst I may conclude to saye
These gifts of fortune, sounds of earthly glorie,
Are of themselues but meere transitorie,
The greatest Prince, but while he liues in powre
Renowmed is, and after in one howre
If vertue be not then to him more kinde,
His death him reaues full quickly out of minde.
Then not for nought the woorthies heeretofore,
That praised were in elder times of yore,
And named chiefe of many Princes erst
On honors palme to reare a stately crest,
Did studie stil for vertue by their names,
To be renowmed with sundry kinde of fames,
As some for zeale and some for pietie,
Some for their warres and noted cheualrie,
Some of their triumphs had by lands subdued,
Some of their acts by labours est renewed,
And each for bountie bright in them that shone,
For which therebe that haue bene famde alone,
And so of right ought euery noble minde,
To vaunt himsele by verie natures kinde,
Who for they were put forth of finest mould,
As by instinct of neate and purest golde
That cleansed is from worst of natures drosse,
Or tallest timber growing free from mofse,

So

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So is in truth eche stately noble wight,
Of very kinde, and so should proue aright,
So *Alcibiades* to his endles praise
The stately lauds of mighty *Greece* did raise:
So did with Galles the worthie *Charlemaine*,
So sundry kings in *Britaine* that did raigne,
So *Albion* had hir mightie *Edwardes*, peeres
(And *Henries* eke) to greatest conquerers,
So hath our isle (and euer praies to gaine
The ioy it hath) a peerelesse soueraigne,
So *Brutus* land inuict ed euer liues,
By selfe instinct it proper vertue giues,
Yet guided stil (what vertue else could vaile)
By grace diuine which neuer shall it faile,
Such is the cause that priet with former praise,
Of worthie wightes that liud in auntient daies
The seedes long since of all their vertues sowen,
From time to time are stil sprong vp and growen.
And springes and buds with ripest fruites are seene,
Of elder stalkes that erst before haue bene,
So vertue swaies (what end of vertues raigne
So long vpheld by Peres and Soueraigne)
O pierles vertue knit with endles fame,
Do guide my skil and throwde my Muse from blame,
Thy praise it is, thy mightie praises I
In royall race do seeke to magnifie
Immortall fawtors sacred sisters nine,
Of sugred artes shew forth your powers deuine,
Let not your Poet blemish with his vaine,
The honored steps of her that sues your traine
Yet blemish must he or vnshadowed fittes
Set forth of her, who daunts the finest wittes,
Can earthly eies geue in sight to the sonne,
Or reach the course that *Phæbe* faire doth ronne,
Can men the waters in a measure holde,
Or thinke on all that may on earth be tolde,
Is it in powre the skies to comprehend

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Or witte of man the starres to bring to ende.
With reuerence yet though vertue seeme deuine,
Men may proceede to touch her sacred shrine.
All haue not trest he skill to speake aright,
Nor may they aime thereat if so they might,
Immortal Phœbus radiant in his beames
Yeelds dazled light, for gaz ing on his gleames,
More stately graces mighty powres do shend,
Than meanest wits are apt to comprehend,
Yet feedes *Apollo* fresh *Auroras* raies,
And fluttring fowles that chirp with pleasant laies,
So *Philomene* in shade of gloomy night,
When *Dian* faire shewes foorth hir siluer whight,
Records the comfort of hir sorrows past,
By change of times releued from winters blast,
And as the graces of these beauties sheene,
Enuirond haue thee peerelesse noble *Queene*
So peereles, for thou art a stately iem,
O care of skies whome God and men esteeme
By all thy bountie shed in princely line,
By all thy vertues which are saide diuine,
By all the fauours that thou hast from skies,
And euery blisse that on thy safegard lies,
Assent I pray, and lowlie I beseech
Vnto my muse thy gracious hands to stretch,
Of *Shepheards* ioy, so boldly dare I sing,
And happy sway thy glad some yeares do bring,
Of faire *Eliza* then shal I be prest,
To chaunt the praise that in hir vertues rest,
No other sound shal be to me so deere,
As in my song to praise this goddesse peere,
Hir noble worthies and hir stately knights,
Whose honored acts in sundry valiant fights,
Whose counsell graue, whose sage aduise at home,
Resembling much the flowring state of *Rome*
Commend the titles of their endlessse praise:
But first (O *Queene*) of thee shal be my laies,

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THou stately *Nymph*, that in the shadie groues
The fayrest art, of all whome *Dian* loues:
With quiuer deekt in glittering rayes of golde
Thy maydens bowe full seemely dost thou holde,
Thy garments are of siluer shining white,
Thy feature rare, and filde with sweete delight.
Thy golden tresse like *Phæbus* burnisht chaire
Whom sweete *Zephyrus* puffes with pleasant ayre:
Like *Venus* selfe (or if but one then she,
Of all the *Nymphes* may more surpasing be)
Then like to hir, or hir excelling farre,
Thy seemely hue all other features barre.
Thy gestures are on honors placed hie,
Thy lookes doe beare a princely Maiestie.
Thy honored minde with dignitie is clad,
Thy bountie rare the like but seldome seene.
And port-like shewe be seeming such a *Queene*,
Thy nurse was Skill, *Minerva* gaue thee sncke,
And *Iuno* prest to yeelde thee happie lucke:
Thy cradle was on *Tempe* placed hie,
Within the walkes of pleasant *Theffalie*,
Full oft within those virgine yeares of thine,
Both *Ida* woods and bankes of *Muses* nine,
Both *Pegase* spring and forked mountayne top,
Hast thou possest, and euerie roote and crop.
That Science yeeldes with all the sweete delights,
Where Poets wont refresh their dulled sprights:
Thy skilfull eye by choyce hath marked eft,
And from thy thoughts they neuer were bereft:
At morning walkes when forth thou list to go,
A crue of *Nymphs* attend thee too and fro,
Like fragrant smell of sweete *Auroras* dew,
When as the twinnes In *Titan* gin to shew,
The freshest prime of all the pleasant yeare,
When lufie Greene the brauest hue doth beare,
Or like the blossomes hie on branches sweete,
That stilled liquor of the morne hath weete.

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Or as the beames of *Thetis* louer true,
When from hir bed he is but risen nue,
In easterne skies to cast his cheerefull raies,
Fore. dilled mindes in spring from dumps to raies,
So comst thou forth in royall vestures dight,
Fresh as the Rose, of colour red and whight:
The glorie great of *Brutus* great renowne,
Distilling fauours each where drophing downe
The rurall gods, about my chariot flocke,
That milke-white steeds of *Pegase* heauenly stocke,
With breathing nostrils spurling fire amaine,
Do trampling drawe, and some bits constraine.
Thy virgin sway the gastly impes admire,
And seeke by flight to shunne their deepe desire,
Which wish to see, and cannot gaze their fill
Vpon hir shape whom yet they honor still,
Of youthfull peeres eke issue forth a route
That fiercely mounted hie thy chayre about,
Like to the traine that once *Bellona* led,
When on her altars proude they incense shed
Triumphant on the honor and the spoile,
That fell to *Rome* by mightie *Affricke* foile,
They stately stride, and beating earth and skies,
With nighing sound of horses lowd that flies
Now here now there, this one, and that amayne,
Doth ioy himsele to shew in formost rrayne,
With curled lockes like to the blooming spring.
And colours deckt that secret fauours bring,
In costly robes of *Pallas* curious wrought,
Bedeckt with gold and pearles from *Pastole* brought,
Then *Phoebe* like thou glad some mornings starre,
To them appearest, or like the gleames afarre
That issue forth before the glittering chayre,
When *Phœbus* first him busleth in the ayre,
And salued is with fauours bright and sheene,
Of hir that called in the *Mornings Queene*,
Who vailing of her hue that is so white,

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The darkened shadowe of the glomie night,
Distressed hartes that long the day to see,
Forthwith doth lade with euerie kinde of glee
Such (*gracious Nimphe*) so pleasing is thy face,
Like comfort yeeldes thy hie distilling grace,
A heauens repose to seelie shepheards is,
To vewe the shadoe of thy heauenly blis,
And when thy pleasures be to rest thee downe
Or neere the fountaine spring at after noone,
Amidst the shades of hiest toppes to straie,
To fore the euening in a sommers daie,
Where coolest blastes of sweete *Zephyrus* straines,
His gentle breath throughout his pleasant vaines
Each chirping birde his notes wel tuned hie,
Yeeldes forth to thee their sweetest harmonie,
The fairest then of al the gallant crue
Of water *Nymphs*, that fields and fountaines sue,
And such as haunt with siluer bowe the chace,
Thy virgin steppes ful meekely do embrace,
The *Satyres* and of shepheardes mightie *Pan*,
Commandes the fields to thy obedience than.
Since *Ceres* first these thicke groues pursued,
And countrie soile with sacred walkes endued.
Since that *Apollos* curled lockes of gold,
For *Daphnis* loue in tresses gan to fold,
Since that *Aetion* by the water side,
Transformed was in forest large and wide.
There neuer *Nymphe* so chairie was to vewe,
That did the walkes of *Phæbe* chaste pursue
Nor of such honor blasing in each eie,
Nor crowned so with stately dignitie,
Nor to her Peeres and vassalls al so deere,
Nor of such port and euer louing cheere,
Ne middest so manie that right famous beene,
In grounded Science was so throughly seene:
Nor better could with Muses al accorde,
Nor vnto whom the gods could more afforde,

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Nor yet of *Virtue* held so hie a prize,
Nor in all knowledge deemed was so wize,
Nor kept by peace, more quiet all her daies,
Ne happy stood so many diuers waies,
As faire *Eliza* thou of heauens the care,
The elder times ne may with thee compare,
For if I should thy soueraignetie descriue,
These 29. yeares for to contriue,
Thy royall state and glory passing great,
Thy wondrous acts if here I should repeat,
Th'unsponsored honor of thy princely race,
And how thou rulest now with kingly mace,
The riches that by this thy rule abound,
The happie daies that we for thee haue found,
Thy bountie shining as the cristall skie,
Thy yeares replenisht with all clemencie,
The load star of thy gracious sweete conceipt,
Yea when it was surprizd by deepe deceipt,
It were a world to thinke vpon the same,
So honored is each where thy Princely fame,
Not English shore alone but farther coasts,
Both of thy name and of thy honour boasts,
In vncouth seas, in soile till then vnknowne,
Thy worthy Captaines haue thy praises blowne,
And pillers set and markes of signorie,
Aduancing there thy mightie Monarchie,
And lands subdued tofore by forraigne states,
That heare report of these thy blisful fates,
And of thy peereles name so mightly borne,
And how thy *Virtues* do thy seat adorne,
The glorie of thy stately swaie and power,
That springeth vp as doth the lillie flower,
They sue and seeke and humblie make request,
To yeeld them-selues vnto thy hie behest,
So sacred *Queene* so fittes the noble name,
Of this our Island stil to rule with fame,
So fits that she who others doth excell,

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Be deemed from all to beare away the bell,
Eft haue the shepheards song thy sweetest praise,
And them ychaunted on their holidiaies,
Eft in their feasts they doe record thy deedes,
And regall mind whence all thine acts proceedes,
And with halfe sounding voice of shiuering dread,
As men amazed at thy seemely head,
They with whispering sound as eft thou passest by,
They praie to *Ioue* to keepe thy Maiestie,
Lo thus can shepheards of thine honour sing,
That of their ioies, art verie root and spring,
Thus *Melibæus* of thy honored name,
That from the line of mightiest Princes came,
Of all thy vertues and thy statelines,
Which art the crop of verie gentlenes,
Reioyceth aie his tunes thereon to frame,
And meekely praies thou shend his Muse from blame.

Melibæus hadde no sooner ended his song, but the whole companie clapping their handes, highlie commended these bys Metaphoricall alluitions, and there was not one shephearde of them all that did not admire his rare and delicate inuention therein. And for so much as in honour of this so statelie a personage, the formost memorie of all their meeting was at the first purposed to bee continued. The shepheards intending the celebration of this whole date to bee perpetuallie consecrated to the eternall praises of her deuine excellencie, and knowing also that Melibæus (greatlie deuoted to the seruices of this *Nympe*) had not omitted at many other times before that to pen diuers ditties aduancing the most singuler partes, that in this Paragon were ordinarilie appearing, they altogether requested him, and hee in perfoymaunce of that their earnest sute, caused his two daughters yet virgins, the one of them named Licoria, and the other Phœnicia to stand forth, eeh of which hauing a voice sugred with the most sweetest delicacie that might be, & therewithall in-

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countenance and gesture naturally adapted, to what might bee required to the most pleasing eare, & best contented eye in augmentation of their melodious harmonie, the eldest first, being Licoria yelding her soft and pleasant strokes, fitte to ravishe the minde of anie curious beholder, vnto a deintie harpe fastened with a silken scarfe cast ouer her alablaster necke (wher-vnto by her father she had with rare perfection bene instructed) and casting her modest eyes est-soones to and fro vpon the attentiu regarbers, manifoldlie admiring (as it were) in her song, the wonderfull graces that therein she conceiued, deliuered her tunes answerable to the proportion of all the residue of her behauiour, as in fourme following the same is repeated.

Phœbus vouchsafe thy sacred Muse to lend
Pieria dames, your solemne tunes applie,
Aid sisters nine with me your deitie,
That to your seates these sacred notes may bend,
That you with me, and I with you may praise,
Elizas name and blisfull happie daies.

A *Nymph* more charie farre to gods than men,
Of gods belou'd . O happy we that knowe,
O blisful soile where blossoms such do growe,
Vnkindest earth that should not loue hir then,
Vnworthie much of hir that lou'd thee stil,
Whose loue the gods accept with better wil,

People vnkinde, but those that vertues prize,
You kinde by loue do knowe what ioy it is
To dwel on soile where peace yeeldes setled blis,
Vnkind the rest too much that doe deuize
To rue the soile, the seat, the state and al,
Of hir, for hers that liues, and euer shal.

O Nature, wert thou now as firme on earth,
By equal mixture with the heauenly powers,
That in the soile where grewe such princely flowers,

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The brauest blossome sprung by stately birth:
Now liuing stil might euer liue on mould,
And neuer fade (O gods) that you so would,

Virtue be dombe, and neuer speake of grace,
And gracious *Nymphs*, that *Virtues* handmaides be,
Shrowde al at once your sweet eternitee:
Be *Vertue* now no more, nor in your space
Let grace be set without in large account,
O sacred *Queene*, thou others doost surmount,

Peace be thy nurse to feede thy happy yeares,
And endles *Fame* whereon thy throne is set,
To sound thy praise my *Muse* shal neuer let:
Liue long, and raigne in ioy among thy peeres,
Deare to the gods, to vertue, to thy soile,
Kept by thy grace from pray of forren spoile.

Shee hauing done, the other of the maidens, faire and young
Phœnicia nothing backward of the number of all her sisters be-
seruings, with gracious countenance replenished in all kinde of
seemelie fauours (much like vnto Cydippe when in the temple of
chast Diana kneeling at *Delos* by reading the subtile poesie of A-
contius in a golden apple trilled before her, shee unwittingly had
bowed her selfe to his choise, and that in the presence of the god-
desse, which in no wise might be infringed) her sister yet holding
the harpe as before, and couerting the present sound thereof to the
Muse in hand, she thus framed her selfe, admirable in grace, and
surpassing in deliuerie, shee first beginning, and her sister answe-
ring, and both iointly repeated, as sorted out in the dittie often-
times to be contriued.

Phanicia, Lul pleasant fancie, bring my thoughts to rest

Licoria, O delicate Fancie,

Phæn, The Muses on *Ida* sweete *Phæbus* be prest,
That whilest I admire hir who heau'ns do loue best,

Lic, This most sugred Fancie,

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Pha. Wherewith my delightes are fully posselt,
With muscalle harmonie, with songs of delight,
Both All haile noble *Princesse* may sound in her sight.

Pha. Faire *Phabe* thou knowest my muze doth not lie
Lico. In chaunting this fancie,

Pha. If pearlesse I vaunt her whom precious in skie
Thou praizedst for perfect to blaze in our cie,

Lico. Extolling my fancie,

Pha. O deintie surpassing sweete *Goddesse* say I,
Enhaunsing thine honors whence all our ioyes spring,

Both Thrise blisfull *Eliza* thy handmaids doe sing.

No soner had ended the musique, & Melibceus with his daughters a while reposed, but Titerus, whose turne was next, prepared himselfe. And calling first the immortal gods to witnesse how much both him selfe and all others, were bound to their sacred velties for the happie enioying and preservation of this their pierles *princesse*, willing to honour the feast, and to shewe howe weightelle hee conceived of all their purposes then presently intended, he framed his auncient yeares to refresh renewed memorie of his youtlong since passed, wherein he was knowne in all kinde of shepheards pastimes to haue excelled. In the recordation wherof perceiuing that he was already mellowed in yeares, and grieuing that by reason of his drawing age, he was now debarred the ordinary vse of that in which being a bachelor he had so greatly delighted, (and yet not so farre oresslipped, but that both skill & voice reasonably serued, to doe any thing, that of the most cunning shepheards might not seem vttterly to be misliked) he ordered his tunes to these proportions, acquainting thereby the companie with that, wherevnto those vnpractized seasons of his, had not of long time before bene accustomed.

Since first thy soile O countrie *Pan* I knewe,
Since on the dales my sheepe long time I fed,

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Since in my heart the sweete remembrance grewe,
Of all these valleis where the *Nymphes* do tread,
Since first thy groues and pleasant shadie topps,
Thy christall springs and scituate hie prospects,
The sacred dewes which from the braunches drops.
That fresh *Pomona* on thy groundes erects:
Since all these pleasures thousands mo then one
My auntient yeares partaked haue ere this
The mightie *Ioue* doth know wherein alone,
I haue repozd the somme of all my blis,
To *Tytirus* not all the yeaned lammes,
Nor of his flock a rich encrease to gaine,
Ne sporting hops of young kiddes by their dams,
Are halfe so pleasing or to him so faine
As are (*Eliza* blisfull maiden *Queene*)
The sweete recorde of all thy happie daies,
Those thoughts to me, full oft haue glad some beene,
And on these ioies consist my shepheards laies,
O happie soile long happie maiest thou stand
So sacred be thy mountaines and thy groues
So be the walkes of that thy pleasant land,
Frequented est with store of fatted droues,
Let be thy glorie like the shining sonne
That glides as far as doth the whirling sphere,
And as the course from whence the riuers ronne
That through the earth a compasse round do beare,
First faile the skies first *Phœbus* cease to raunge
First cristall dewes back to your springs returne
First heate and cold desist your daily chaunge,
And let the fire leaue of his force to burne,
Let *Phœbe* first by night her wandring staie
And darkened be to vs the starrie pole,
Let *Phaeton* lose againe the milkie waie
And fishes leaue to swimme within the poole,
Cease birdes to flie cease *Philomene* thy song
And yearely spring that yeldes of fruites encrease,
And ycie drops that dangling vnder song,

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Thy frozen chin let (*Saturne*) euer cease,
Ere *Brutus* soile, thou seate of mightie kings,
The antient race of haughtie princes peeres,
Ere from thy lappe the slippe whence honor springs,
By this default do loose the sway it beares,
Ere thou the glorie of the present rule,
And honor tied long since to thy desert,
Thy stately conquests neere that didst recule
With cloked guile doost seeke for to insert,
But waste thy glory with the mightiest powres
And stay thine honor on the greatest fame,
And selfe-same time that al things els deuoures,
Renue thy faith, and yeeld thee glorious name,
As faire thy fate as are thy happie yeares,
As firme thy seate as euer Princes was,
Great be thy sway as any strength that reares
The mightiest force that euer man did pas:
And fairest thou of al the *Nymphs* that haunt
These sacred walkes, in which we shepheards wone,
So *Ioue* vouchsafe our springs of thee may vaunt,
As erst before our fertile fieldes haue done.

Tyterus hauing herewith ended his song, and the shepherdes their musique at one instant togethers. Thyrsis stood vp, a youthfull impe seemely in shape, and as pleasing in behauiour as delicate in conceit, sweete were his countenances, his person generally commended of all the shepherdes: much was he beloued for that he deserved. There was no *Nymph* whatsoeuer, vnto whome either fountaine, or broad shadie woodes were of resort but had him in great expectation for the vertues by him pursued, and as much remained, he deuoted with all obeyzaunce to the greatest of their seruices as anie shepard might be. Great was hee in account amongst them, as well for his moze then common inclination to the highest exploits as that by descent hee was sprung out of those that whilom in that soile passed in greatest reckoning. And for asmuch as his pouthfull desires led him forwarde to far loftier purposes, then the aged peares of the other seemed for the present

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present to bee adapted vnto, hee conuerting his *Muse* to those delights wher-vnto he was accustomed, vsed both time and musique to this purpose following.

Giue me thy *Syrinx*, *Pan*, giue me thy flute,
(A worthier musike farre, besecmes mylaies)
In speach of her I tel, the best are mute,
And may not weld the greatnes of her praise,
If any *Muse* of all the *Nymphs* that staies
About these walkes and louely pleasant springs
Haue greater gift then others, let them raies,
The sweetned lawdes that faire *Eliza*. brings,
And sharpened be my wits, O God of *Loue*,
(*Loue* hath men saie a furie that's deuine)
Yelde me the scope of thy delights to proue
And in my brest thy sweetned fancies shrine,
O would my pipe had such proportions fine,
Or that deriu'd from greatest excellence,
My endles skil her fewtures could define,
Whom gods and men admire with reuerence,
Vouchsafe my *Goddesse* yet vouchsafe to see,
The wil I haue to weld so hie aspects,
Yet shall it be hence-forth a grace to mee,
That *Loue* thy name within my *Muse* erects,
Much gracious *Soueraigne* tis that *Loue* effects,
Wherein if skilful *Pan* and *Nymphs* me faile,
My actiue forces shall with large respects,
Compence the rest, and yeeld me more auaille,
Let be as yet for this not all in vaine,
My sacrifice, my vowes, and praiers eke,
Wherein O *Nymph*, thy fame shall aie remaine,
Enhaunst by those that to thy Bountie seeke.

The wearing awaie of the daye and other braue feates and exercises to bee accomplished, with sundrie gallaunt shewes in honour and great regarde of this peccreles *Princes*, would not permitte the lenger continuance of their musique and inwarde pastimee.

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pastimes. Where-fore Thircis having in this his last deli-
verance, concluded, what for the shortnesse of the tyme,
might of him-selfe bee propozed, and finding it an endles La-
borious for anie of them in distinguishing her commendation to
enter into the singularities of all her most worthie and inestima-
ble prayles, which the farther they waded into, the more they in-
tended, in somuch as the same seemed a thing euer more to bee,
but neuer able by anie skill or inuention what-soeuer fully to be
determined, they contented them-selues with the testimonies
alreadye giuen of their good willes, and as forced there-vnto
gaue ouer for the present, giuing place for the execution of the
rest to the times apt and conuenient. Nowe the night approche-
ing, they spent in feasting, reuelling, and dauncing, where-in
Philetas occupied his pipe whilst Daphnis and the other youth-
full beards-men, sported in the counterfeite disguisings of sundry
shapes of Satyres, to the accompanying where-of Chloe and the
rest of the shepheards daughters stood forth, and by them were
in diuers straunge gestures sued vnto and entreated: But Phoebe
being by this time wounde into the highest skies, called fast
the rest: where-vpon, as all thinges haue ende, so this religi-
ous festiuall (not thereby finishing at all) was but vnto the next
peares solemnities, and after to the perpetuities of their wishes, by
their whole consents discontinued, wherewith, as they that euer
wished happinesse, long life, health, his estate and unmatched
prosperitie, vnto him for whom they liued, making a great shout
in conclusion, each one severed themselves therevpon, and so
for the present departed.

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and as the sunne was setting, the shepheards
and their daughters, with their flocks, returned
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*The fourth booke of the loues, pasto-
rall of Daphnis and Chloc.*



This statelie festiuall and holie daie of the shepheards being thus sollemnlie ended, Daphnis with great longing continued the winter season, and often tooke occasion to watch the birdes & his Chloc together, until at the last the paine of this vntamed sharpnes banished, and the fresh couloured spring had new mantled againe the withered plantes in her sommers liuerie. The delight whercof, none other- wise then is accustomed to the residue of *Natures* derlings, reioy- ced the hartes of these two louers, as well for that the occasiō they of became a medicine to their wanted dissencrance, as that also the iolitic of the prime then being in her excellencie, requied the dul conceits of euery one, and confounded the winters melancholie before passed, with a new maner tender of her surpassing sweet- nes & brauerie. Their heards impatient of their long penning in, now driue to their accustomed pastures, tooke pleasure to climb the harkes, and to lift vp their hoznes ouer the fresh springing hedge, rowes. Uniuersall reioycing was in euerie thing, and now seemed it a kinde of louelie satisfaction, to call in question their frequented places of conference, of delight, of disturbance, and of sorow that had hapned vnto them.

And as the spring passed in this kinde of pleasure, so like- wise was not the sommer voyde, of the pastime the reioyngs belong- ing. In which occurred vnto them somer actions, as well to the in- endement of their present loue, as in other occasions right pleasing. It happened at one time amongst the rest, during this season, that diuers fishermē being in y^e seas, & the weather calme, the sound of their songs, and voice redoubled so much vpon the rocks, as thereon gaue a most shill, & notable Echo, the woode-
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heretof seemed vnto Chloe very great as she that seldome had bin vled to the difference of the same, by reason of which, supposing that on the other side of them, there also had bin an other sea, and other fishermen, she began to looke about hir, demanding of Daphnis, by what reason they should in their song so well in that manner agree together. Daphnis smiling at her simplicitie, the better to satisfie hir demaund, and to informe hir at large of the pleasures of the fl: lo, discoursed vnto hir the certaintie, by reuealing vnto hir the tale of the Eccho.

There were (said he) in antient time (as yet there be) *Nymphs* of diuers sorts, some of the groues, some of the woods, some of the riuers, and others of the springs, and fountaines. Of one of these sorts was sometimes a gallant gire, who was called Eccho, she was nourished by the *Nymphs*, and instructed and brought vp with the *Muses*, the charie account of whome, gaue hir (besides fauor) a most excellent knowledge and cunning in all kinde of songs and instruments, insomuch, as beeing come vnto the very floure and full prime of hir age, shee was for hir vnmatchable. Thus deemed fit to be intertaind with their praises, with their companies, and with their pleasures, and being conuersant with them wholly in sort aforesaid, listd not to recke of at all the company of men, nor of God, but being a virgin by disposition, sought fully and wholly how to pzeferue the same.

Pan (my deere as thou knowest) being a god altogether, amorous, and solacing himselfe as his nature is in the woods and pastures, had hearing once of this *Nymph*, and beganne thereupon to woonder at hir dainty and melodious sounds, in deuoring (if possibly he could) to wooe hir to his fauor, but when in no sort hee could compas it, he waxed angrie at the *Nymph*, and she being alone in the fields without any company, he wrought so woonderfully by his power, as that for meere dyspke of hir fauor, hee enraged against her all the heardmen and shepheards of the country where she was, that like woolues and mad dogges they tare the poore *Nymph* peece-meale in their furie, and throwing the gibbes here and there, as she was yet singing hir songs, the very earth it selfe fauored hir miserie, and bereaved immediatly hir soundes, in foire as executione offering to this day with the *Muses*

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Muses in accorde, the same tune that is plaied she recordeth, the same song that by any voice is deliuered, she repeateth.

The earth thus retaining the former condicton of the *Nymph* while she liued, when either gods, or men, or instruments of musike, or beasts, or Pan himselfe soundeth his sweet *Syrinx* ouer the hollow rockes, it counterfeitteth euermore the same notes, which the director of shepheards often-times perceiuing, sometimes runneth skipping and leaping after the sound, not for desire or hope he hath to inioy his faire *Eccho*, but only to find by what instinct the manner of his ditties are so disguised withall, without knowledge, how, or whence it commeth.

The recitall hereof grew of such admiration vnto *Chloe*, as that to make present triall thereof, herselfe recorded diuers tunes vpon hir flute, wherevnto the *Eccho*, as it were in confirmation of that which *Daphnis* had said, immediatly answered, not without the great pleasure of the shepheardesse, who had felicitie often-times to sport herselfe with those redoubled sounds. But this dalliance of theirs, and sweete societie euermore thus continued, could not yet assure their minds with such safety, as that the same should alwayes haue dured, for that *Chloe* becoming both tall in stature, and ripe in yeares for a husband, the sons of diuers the wealthiest shepheards frequented earnestly the house of *Dryas*, to wooe hir. And praising in their mindes all the complements of hir fauor and wonderfull perfections: some gaue in hand both to *Dryas* and *Nape* many fruitfull presents, others promised vnto them a great deale more, so that *Nape* himselfe being now also stoong with the couetous gaine thereof, counselled hir husband *Dryas* in any wise to marry hir.

And to the intent to moue him the rather thereunto, shee forgot not to laie before him hir ripenes, and howe aduenterous it was to keepe in their house a maide of such beawtie and stature to continue vnhartied, putting him also in minde how that accepting the present offers, he might now marie her to his profit and hir owne aduancement, but if shee fortun'd once in keeping of sheepe to lose her maidenhead, they might marie her afterwarde for roles and nattes to whomsoever would be contented to take her. *Dryas*, as willing as her selfe to singe the coine, and lothe to

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lose the oportunitie in hand, would not yet overhasslie conclude any match, for that him seemed still to haue a mind to harken after his parents, and for this cause found he diuers meanes and dooits, whereby to delay the matter from one time to an other, whereby the subtile gnosse, being of a great many required, obtained also at their hands great plenty of gifts, the fertility whereof he wished by all pollicie so long as he might to drawe on vnto him.

Chloe was not all this while ignorant of these deuises, as shee that was a principall partie therein to be acquainted, but sorrowing in his minde of long time in feare of the disuenance to be made of his and Daphnis, shee at the last, after much sighing and lamentation reuealed it vnto him. The yong youth astonished at the first, beganne to bethinke himselfe immediatly of the mishap intended, and his owne irrecuperable grieve, if the same should proceed to be effected, but recomforting for the present her sweete imaginations, and ouer tender spirittes, hee declared vnto his, that he had good suppose, that if hee demanded his himselfe of his father, he would not greatly say him nay, for that he thought he was not so much backward, but that he easily might surmount in any thing, but in wealth, the greatest of all the other shepheards. Only this somewhat quailed his assurance in that his foster father Lamon was not rich, but rather a very poore man, and such as no way could deuise to satisfie the courtousnesse of Dryas. Notwithstanding which, hee yet resolved, whatsoeuer came thereof, to putte the request in aduventure, and this to accomplishe, Chloe his-selfe didde also aduise him.

Not for all this vnto the bashfull youth, at the first time to reueale it to Lamon, but rather chose, as with whome hee might be most boldest, to make known his loue before hand to Myrtale. Myrtale, she held no secret of it, but the same night also tolde it to Lamon. The blunt fellow, quite contrary to expectation, accepted the motion but very badly, calling his wife, beaue, dolt, and sottish alle, that so rashly without consideration at all, would become a meane to be down their nurserie (whom of what parentage he was descended they little knew) vpon a simple shepherdesse,

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heardselle, the testimonies of whose reputation, being found with him, did promise vnto them a farre better fortune, and whose parents, if happily by his being in their custodie might be found, it might not onely perchance be a meane to infranchise them from that their yoke of seruitude, but happily also enrich them with possessions of greater value than those that then they liued vpon.

Myrtale hearing her husbands coniecture, would not for this discourage the youth in his fancie, for scarce least quenched of all hope therof (being so sharpe in loue as he was) some worse matter might betide him than they expected: wherefore laying ther-vppon some other deuises, shee proposed vnto him their pouertie, and the riches of those that were tended vnto Chloe, likewise their seruage, by reason of which nothing was their owne that could be employed to his preferment. But (saide she) be ruled by me, the girle I knowe both loue thee, and in respect thereof desireth to enioy thee aboue any other. Doe this therefore, that shee acquaint hir father with the purpose, and happily being her owne sute, he will the sooner assent vnto thee, and require my husband Lamon for thee. By this excuse Myrtale supposed with herselfe honestly to haue shifted off Daphnis: for well stode she assured, that Dryas for his parte would neuer consent vnto it: but the simple gore-heard neuertheles tooke the deferment in good part, and knowing with him selfe, that there was no supposition of treasure to be had to set forward his demaunde, he did as many other poore louers, intend to proceede by intreatie.

For the furtherance hereof, it fortuneth, that the *Nymphs* euermore gracious vnto their ioint affections (Daphnis sleeping at night) appeared vnto him, to whome, being in shape accustomed, she eldest declared, that the patronage of his loue, rested in the perfection of a greater deitie than themselves, but to giue hym meane to accomplish it, by mollifieng the flintie conceited disposition of Dryas, that could they do: And it to bring to passe, returne thee to morrow next saide she to the place where the last yere the bote of the Methimnians by vnlouing the ozlar twig wherewith it was tied, was lost and driuen to the Sea, there

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by tempest of the weather shalt thou finde in the banke vnder a bush hard by the same ozier, a bagge of three hundred crownes, which in ouerturning of the same boat, the waues did there daine on lande, and for that it hath hether to lien couered with sande, and mosse throwne out of the sea, no man hath yet euer found it, take that purse, and giue the money to Dryas, that shalbe sufficient for the present to shew thou art not vterly deuoid of riches.

Daphnis awakened out of the dreame, longed earnestly for the morning, and the day appearing, ran in all haste to the sea coast, where serching in the place apointed, he found the purse and gold therein. Nowe thinking him selfe to bee the welthiest man of all the shepheardes, he bied him first to the fieldes with his flocke, & after debateth the matter to Chloe, and without farther staie (requiring her to haue care of their beastes) he hastneth as fast as he could to Dryas. Being thither come, he saluteth the man, and after ward setteth forth vnto him his occasion of comming. I am said he, Dryas as thou knowest thy neighbour, well know I what belongeth in euerie thing to the countrie, the ordering of Vines, Oliues, and husbandrie, is not to me unknowne. How able I am and with what good successe and skill I haue garded my heerd, Chloe her selfe can witnesse, and the profe it selfe will discouer. Thy daughter is woerd of a great manie, none of which as I, can or may so wel deserue her, they profer the for thy good will, goats, sheepe, oren & coyne, as much as will bring the vp three or foure chickens. But Dryas, though both for neighbour-hood and these causes befoze alleaged, I might seeme in this action to be preferred, yet for that thou shalt know that as well as in other qualities I will not bee behind them in giftes, geue me my Chloe in marriage, and take here three hundred crownes for thy labour, which vnto Nape beere, and thee, I frankly and freelie doe render: but with this condition that you both promise me neuer to be aknowne of the present, no not to Lamon himselfe, for whatsoever hereafter that herein may be supposed.

Dryas & Nape seeing so grosse a sum, the like quantitie whereof they had neuer seene befoze, being ouertaken with the couetousnes of the same, gaue their immediate consents without anie further deniall, and both tooke vpon them thereunto to drawe the
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good liking of Lamon. All busines therefore now laide aside, and the purse first locked vp with the gold, Dryas goes forward to seeke out Lamon and Myrtale, and to them breaketh forth the purpose intended. The seelie man with his wife was winnowing of cozne, and at the first sight began to complaine of their harde peniworths, and the bad yeelding thereof, all which (after the maner) Dryas in his blunt & grosslike condiction recomforted, and proceeding from out thereof began to demaund of them Daphnis for his daughter in marriage, & added further that albeit of others, he had bene therefore fairely offered, yet of them hee demaunded nothing, but rather was willing to contribute of his owne to haue their consentes, his reason for that they had bin nourished, brought vp, liued, and kept beasts together, and that he stood most assured of, they loued and intirelie fauored and desired ech other. Lamon who could not for the objections aforesaid excuse himselfe by povertie, by want of age of the youth, by difference of education, nor otherwise, and fearing to disclose the thing it selfe, which in veritie did withdraw him, which was the doubt and expectation of his parentage, thanked Dryas hartlie of his good suppose, commended the maiden, and praised his courtesie verie highlie, but yet answered therewithall, that he was a seruant to another man, and that living in seruitude as he did, he was not by reason of his bondage to dispose of anie part of his owne, without his lords consent. And so much as to the agreement of this match, it seemed a thing meet and pertinent to his dutie, to haue him thereunto required, he perswaded him they might continue frends, and let the conclusion of the marriage suspend till the time of the next vintages, which not being long, his L. he had vnderstanding would then be there in person to suruew the state of his house and maner of the countrie, & then with the good liking on ech part they might be the better solemnized. But heerewithall Dryas (said he) I will of one thing aduertise thee, that thou shalt not in matching with him marrie thy daughter to one of base birth, or place of meane calling, but better a great deale descended than either of vs both be, and so giuing drinke ech to other, they vpon this resolution for the present departed.

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deafe eare, as his waite laie homewards, reuolued in his mind the state of his Chloe with that of Daphnis, which by the few speeches that by Lamon had beene opposed, he found to be by likelihood of good place, which made him not a little inwardlie to reioice that therein was some hope that she should not be much disparaged: in the consideration wherof, he began to bethinke himselfe whether Lamon finding him as he did, had therewithall receiued anie such like ornaments to shew his birth as himselfe had doone with Chloe, and tickled with the conceipt heereof, with twentie prayers made to Pan and the Nymphs that it might be so, he came in these muses to the place at last where rested yooing Daphnis, together with his beloued Chloe, to whom hauing recounted the storie heereof, a world of ioies befell immediatlie vnto the youth, considering that Autume was now at home, and the marriage should no longer be deferred, and thanking his supposed father in lawe Dryas a thousand times the olde man departed.

Now after these shepheards had both dispatched their businesse, and the sunne readie to go downe, they passed homewards, gathering in the waies diuerse sorts of apples, the peere was plentie, and frutes were now in their ripenesse, among the number whereof, they chanced to come by one tree, the frute whereof was all gathered, and the tree thereby of the leaues left almost naked, onelie one apple excepted, the bewtie of which was as the colour of the shining gold mixed with an orient red of the freshest and brauest hew that might be, this apple stood on the vertic top of the highest branch of all the tree, and for the hight thereof seemed to be left vngathered: the louelic lad, casting eies therebpon, thought that it was a present fit to be giuen for a loue token, and suddenlie getting vp to the tree, climed so nimble that he brought it downe in his hand from the top where it grew.

Chloe became greatlie discontented at his rashnesse, and fearing to see him fall, and wound hir selfe from the place among the thickest of hir flocks, but Daphnis pursuing the gentle *Nymph*, my sweet said he, the faire and beautifull season hath brought forth this frute, a statelie tree hath nourished it, the
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radiant and most comfortable sunne beames haue ripened it, and onelie good fortune as a thing most choice and perfect, hath hitherto reserued it, the woozthinesse onelie appertaining to you as to a creature most excellent. All had I beene disposed to suffer so faire a frute by falling on the hard ground to haue beene brused, soiled, or otherwise trode vnder feet, or perished. The apple of gold was erst on Venus bestowed for the prise of hir beautie, and that by a shepheard, and I likewise garding my beasts, haue found this apple, comparable to that in shew, wherewith to present my Chloe, who matchest hir in fauor. In this case am I Paris and thou the selfe Venus.

The lasse appaied with these delightesome speeches, assented quickelie with hir Daphnis to be at attonement, and he throwing the apple into hir lap, she onelie gaue him a louers kisse, wherewith the well pleased goteheard held himselfe contented.

In these continued pastances, the often wished and longed for Autume did now draw on apace, and a messenger from the maister of Lamion was alreadie approched, to informe them shortly of their lords comming, the bruite of spoile doone by the Methimnians on the grounds thereabouts was cause thereof, and to that end was deliuered their maister intended to surueiw the harine by them committed. It was now no need to appoint the olde Lamion to his businesse, who carefull of himselfe to see all things well, indouored so to prouide that no one iote might in the least respect be amisse: Daphnis likewise tooke in charge neatlie to picke and trimme his heards, and orderlie ech daie to see them fed on the best and most frutefull pastures, to the intent the heard being mightie and fat, they might haue the more thanks for their trauell, and be the better reputed of at their maisters comming. It was vnto him a matter of great nouell, to thinke what maner of man should be his maister, so much as the name of whome till that time hee neuer before had heard.

Lamion for his part began to passe throughout all the hearbers, the vines, the frutes, and the berries, those boughes hee tricked,

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those knobs he pared, those branches he slipped, and them in another place cut downe and cropped. The shew of this place was a thing of most excellent pleasure, as well of the situation, prospects, plentie and varietie of deuises, as also for diuersitie of trees, and all kinds of fruits. To this had Lamon of all others a most speciall regard, wherein his carefull in-sight and continual trauaile had wrought so great perfection, as seemed to bee helde a thing rare and wonderfull. The trees hung yet laden with all kinde of fruites, plums, apples, pearces, mirtes, granades, oringes, limons, figs, oliues, and twentie other pleasing conceits. Besides the number whereof, the order yet curiositie and braue disposition of euerie thing was such, as a man would haue thought it a paradise, and deeplie haue sorrowed to forgethinke that the least spoile in the world should haue happened vnto it.

The messenger hauing seene all thinges in a readinesse prepared, returned to the Citie againe to aduertise his Lord of the estate of the same, who not being unrewarded of the poore Lamon and Mirtale, they onely desired his good word in setting forth the manner of that he sawe, to their greater commendation, the messenger omitted nothing to him in charge giuen, but hauing ascertained what he came for, waited onlie the time of his maisters readinesse.

In this meane while of the retorne made of the seruant to his maister, after all this cost bestowed and trauaile taken of poore Lamon, happened a foule and cruell mischaunce, the euent of which made all the house sorrowfull, and them now onelie to feare the comming of him thether, whome before they earnestlie looked and most instantly desired, the case standing as it did, vpon a dreadfull hazard of their better vndoing, the occasion of all which insued in forme following. There was neere thereabouts dwelling to them a cow-heard, a stubborne and a knurleheaded knaue, whose name was Lapos, who being of Chloe to-fore time exceedingly enamoured, and seeing that by a conuention betweene Dryas and Lamon, hee was preuented of his purpose, and hope to obtaine hir in marriage, grew thereby into so cruel and presumptuous a conceit of doing vnto him some one or other notable mischief, as that hee endeavored nothing so much as to seeke

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seeke occasion, how, and by what meanes to be reuenged.

He was well warie that the dependance of this marriage consisted solie on the fauour and good opinion to be by them receiued from their maister, wherinto if it were possible, that hee could deuise by the committing of some one or other notable villany, to worke a breach, twenety to one hee thought, that ill must needs betide them, and the marriage in hand shoulde neuer be brought in question. This wilde and mischeuous imagination in some sort to effect, the villaine aduised him selfe of this beautifull plote, the trimming and decking whereof had now of long time being attended, brought the same to a most exceeding perfection, besides the deuises thereof being euerie waie (as they were) most excellent, had made the maister of Lamon to be of all thinges about his house the most in loue with it. Hereuppon as the thing that on all sides might turne them to most displeasure the cruell and wretched Lapes desired to be most reuenged. Therefore spenging a time conuenient, one night when all about the house were vniuersally at rest: this false and villanous churle, wooed himselfe secretly into the garden, and there moiled and spoiled, with hookes, with hatchets, and other cutting instruments, the most part of the hedgerows, vines, fruites, and trees of all the hearberie and garden. which being doone he returned himselfe secretly againe, without being perceiued of any man.

Lamon, the next morning early, entering into his gardeine with intent to suruewe and tricke what he might in the least tott see thereabout amisse, perceiued the spoyle and notable misfance euery where doone vnto it, and not knowing from whence it came, but moued exceedingly with the dispight & villanie thereof, as the onely thing of all others that his maister loued, looked for no other reliefe at all, but to be beaten to death or hanged. Therefore overcome as he was with great griefe, hee tare his garment from his shoulders, and therebpon skritchd and cried most lamentably.

Myrtale hearing the clamor, left what was in hir hand, and ranne in all haste vnto him. Daphnis also which euen then had but led his beasts to the field, moued with great lamentation,

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returned backe againe vnto them. And seeing this great disgrace most vile and detestable hauocke and wꝛacke doone and committed on all partes of the hearberie, it could not but greatly become vnto them a matter most sorrowfull, for to saye the truth, were a manne there-vnto but a meere straunger, hee coulde not but haue deepe lie greued to see the malicious and causlesse spoile of so faire and pleasaunt a dwelling, the partes yet vntouched whereof, for all the disorder therein committed, carried notwithstanding some maner demonstration of the beautie of the other. The greuousnes of the sight made them al to shed teares abundant, for their vndoing stood vpon it, Lamon one while for hym-selfe, and an ether while for Daphnis exceedingly weeped. During the continuance of which discomfort, Eudrome the page and messenger, that befoze had beene with them, from their Maister was returned againe, declaring, that after thzee dayes passed, their olde Maister intended to bee there present, but their yong Maister his sonne woulde come thither the morowe.

Preparation heere-vpon ensued on all sides, and nowe the monstrousnesse of the euill doone didde trouble them moze and moze. But Eudrome heeing of his owne disposition, a youth of verie good nature, they deuised amongst them-selues for to call hym also to counsell about this enterpryse. The case beeing made knowne vnto him, Eudrome seeing their excessiue sorrowe and mone made, recomforted them, and aduised as most meete, that the matter were first made knowne vnto their yong Maister, whome hee assured vnto them to be of louing and most kinde condition, and that vpon their submission made, hee woulde not sticke so farre forth to pittie them, as that by his good and fauorable conceit, some one thing or other for redresse might there be the better provided.

Lamon notwithstanding was not yet idle, but slipped and cropped the hanging boughes and twigges rounde about the garden, hee didde what hee coulde by all the arte and cunning hee had, to make the hauocke seeme lesse, insomuch as by hys diligent looking too, and attendaunce, hee hadde reasonable amended the matter in diuers places. Their yong Maister ac-
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coming vnto appointment came the next day, whose name was Astile, and wth him brought to accompany him for his dispo^{se}, a parasiticall gesser, whose name was Gnatho. The gentleman was yet verie young, vpon whose chinne the tender downe hadde scarcely crept, and therewithal of most gentle and friendly condicion: hee was no sooner entred the grounds, but Lamon & Myrtale his wife together with young Daphnis fell prostrat at his feete, desiring his fauour and forgiveness, and that beeing compasseionate vpon the olde yeares of his bondman, hee would endeavour so farre as he might, to withstand his fathers rage and displeasure from them.

Astile rewe^d the miserable complaint, and the better to relieue them, out of their wonted distresses and sorowes, hee promised, that at his fathers coming, hee would endeavour to make some p^{re}ate excuse of the matter, and for to take the cause and choice occasion thereof wholly vpon him-selfe. They thankfully heere-vpon tooke his agreement, and endeavouring by all the means possible to contraine him, both Lamon and Daphnis, with diuerse notable presents did afterwarde entertaine him, they prayed God also in respecte of their disabilitye, that it would please him of his goodnesse to requite him.

Nowe Gnatho this parasite being a right belli-god, a villaine by nature, and one that loued none, but where hee might be fedde, not cared for any, but onely for his profite, seeing the sweete and naturall fauour of this young Daphnis, beganne as an vnaturall beast, so against nature become wanton ouer him. The paunch-filled rascall, seeing that Astile was a braue young gentleman, tooke pleasure in hunting, and to haunt the fields abroad with his hawks and spaniels, deuised from time to time sundry shifcs, whereby to ridde himselfe of his company. And in these spaces would he haunt the heards of young Daphnis, & one while hearing him sound his flute, and another while sing, thoght there was no felicitie in the world so great, as to be accompanied with his pleasure. The wretch mouing to the goat-heard manie questions, & perceiuing his simplicity and vnacquainted disposition to villancous purposes, one time by watching his goings and comings wold haue found means in forcible maner to abuse him.

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But the insinuat condition by nature and his former birth, planted in the imboldned spirits of the young youth, with a manner of swelling kind of disdain, shooke the raskall off, and that so rudely, as his pampered drunken carcas squatted against the ground with the pezzant and vnweldie burden thereof.

The parasiticall trickier perceiving the vnmollified spirit of the braue goatheard, and weighing therewithall the manner of his vnerpected colour and courage, such as seldome falleth in those that by nature are bozne to be slaues, thought that in his nature the stars and planets were vnto him too sinister, in that vnto a mind & sauz so correspondent, they pecced an estate & condition so mightie different. Neuerthelesse though in so forcible manner he dared no more to assaile the youth, yet for all that withoze he was not frō him his sensuall & beastle disposition, but considering that the lad was but the sonne of Lamon reputed, & therefore thought as a viltaine to belong vnto his lord, he deemed with himselfe to practise another deuise more colourable, whereby when time should serue, he might the easter attaine to that his wretched and most abhominable desire.

This could he not immediatly bring to passe, for that the old man with his wife, children and familie were now all arrived at this his countie dwelling. In the first two daies after whose arrivall, there was nothing but feasting and banquetting, Dionysophanes was the old mans name, and Clearista his wife. After then that he had repased himselfe by the space of two daies, he then began to visit his herberies, his gardens, walks, and other fine and pleasant deuises, in all which he found no fault at all, save onely the spoile which befoze you heard of, which young Astile had ere this to him excused and taken the matter vpon himselfe, wherewith Dionysophanes held himselfe contented. Then walked he forwards to see the heards and flocks, at the sight of which companie of so manie strangers, Chloe bashfull on a sudden, and being in the fields, as she that had neuer bin accustomed to their view, stole awaie secretlie, and hid hir selfe in the woods, but Daphnis stood still awaiting their coming. Lamon then pointing out vnto his maister his goats and sheepe that so daintily had beene fed and increased, added further vnto him, that the
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youth standing by was his goate-heard, who by his villigent care and attendaunce had thitherto conducted them.

Dionysophanes and Clearista beholding the excellent fauour and sweete gestures of the youth, who furnished in euery condition as a heardseman, and hauing a faire large skinne of a bee goate, smoothe lie dyessed with the haire fastened vnto his necke, and hanging ouer his shoulders, thought that there appeared in him a kinde of beautie, moze commendable farre, than customably was to bee seene in euery other sheepeheard. Daphnis beganne to make vnto them musike vppon his flute, and with diuers and excellent layes and ditties of the sheepeards to entertaine them, all which of the company generallye, but Clearista especiallie, was in him both rewarded, liked, and highly commended, besides commaunded shee him, and likewise Dionysophanes his Maister expressly enioyned him, not to bee absent from the house during their abode and continuance in the country, but alwayes there to attend them.

All this vnto the vile and beastly conceipt of Gnatho, didde but adde fire vnto the flame, who being wholie dedicated vnto luxurie and his bellie, was not able to containe himselfe within limits, but taketh Astile on a time a tone side, and thus cauteiously, the better to accomplishe his purpose deliuereth vnto him. I haue (Sir) heere-tofore neuer in my life yeelded appetite or liking to any thing so much, as to quaffing companye, and aboundaunce of feeding, but nowe is my minde chaunged there-fro, and since I sawe this freshe yong goate-heard playing on his pipe so melodiously as hee dooth, me thinkes than the sole and sweet pleasure thereof, there is no delight in the worlde. Nowe Sir, albeit he bee the sonne of your fathers villaine, yet surely respecting the seemely fauours he beareth: for esttraunged in she we from so simple a proportion, mee thinkes you might doo very well to craue him of your father, and to take him from these heards to dwell with you at home in the citie. Astile harkened heere-vnto, and thought it not amisse, and onely attended, but time conuenient to mooue his father thereof. This speach by Eudrome the page, being ouer-heard, who knewe the villanous delights of this parasite gesser, and marked since
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these coming thither this continuall fawning and pursuite of the gentle Daphnis; and howe many exercises therewithall be tendered, that hee woulde procure hys freedome, thought this faire weather was not all for naught, and therefore speeding him-selfe to Lamon and Myrrale (as one compassionate of the pouths misfortune, if the way in question shoulde be taken) hee reuealed vnto them both the practise, and also what of the event thereof, not without good cause he had coniectured.

The poore olde man surcharged now, with farre greater griefes than euer before hee was pestered, for that the losse of his life coulde not haue bene more miserable vnto him than the sorrowe of this mischiefe, sawe that the disguise of this youth in sending his sonne, shoulde now without speedie prouention, become meane to make him the beastly pray and spoile (vnder pretext of bringing him to the seruice of Astile) to a base, vile, seruile, and gozellied drunkard. This thought the poore man, rather to die than to suffer: wherefore resolving him-selfe to reueale (if neede compelled) what he was, that the woorthinesse of his birth might the sooner free him from such intollerable seruage, hee onely attended but for the opportunitie when Astile shoulde begge him of his father, which being by the continuall suggestion of Gnaro the next day put in practise. The simple bondman standing forth, fell prostrate immediately at his lordes feete, and embracing straightly his knees besought him to haue compassion of his humble sute and petition then to be made vnto him. Dionysophanes willed him to speake, and then taking Daphnis by the hand. Clearista present, and the most part else of the familie, Lamon thereupon said: I am not (sir) discontented, that it is your good pleasure, and my poore L. Astile heere, to take from me this poore youth out of these countrie laboures, to attend, and there to remaine with him in the cite, for so might it thereby happen, that a woorthie and noble Maister, might also enioy of him by this meanes, a free and noble seruaunt, but that by pretext thereof, and vnder colour to drawe him hence to an other place, whereby in most vile and insufferable manner to abuse the woorthinesse of his shape against nature, onely by notice, that he is the sonne of a bondslave, and bred of my loines,
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and that namely also to become a vessel to his filthinesse, even the grosse villanie of this parasiticall gesser: this Gnatho heere present, who vpon a beaustie and wicked conceipt to accomplish the same, hath onelie suggested this motion, that can I neuer suffer. Wherefore (Sir) that the better it may appeare vnto your knowledge, howe vnfit it is, that so great and not commonly accustomed feature and comelinesse, shoulde in so vile and bad manner be misprized: vnderstande I beseeche you, that this yong and braue youtb heere present is not my sonne (as he hath bene supposed) nor is the basenesse of our condicion able to produce so excellent a creature: but being nowe eighteenth yeares since I found him laide forth in pastures tenderly wrapped within a small thicket, where vnto one of my shee goates, to my great astonishment ordinarily resorted to sucke it, neither am I able to say howe, or by whose handes it came thert: but this knowe I, that the descent thereof can not bee meane, respecting the colly attire, iewelless, and other ornaments which I found about it, all which I haue hitherto whole and entirely preserved, by the coniecture wherof you may the better deeme of his parentage, and howe vilesing it is, that so gentle a nature shoulde become the subject and spoile of so base and seruile a condition.

Lamon had not scarce shut his lippes vppon these speeches, but that Gnatho enraged at these his sharpe piercing tauntes and inforcements vled against him, closed straight wayes with his wordes, and threatened, that ere long hee woulde for this be thoroughly reuenged on him. Dionysophanes for his parte was amazed at the accident, and charging his bondman, in verye vehement and hard speeches thereof to deliuer a truth. Lamon further added, and swore by the immortall gods, by Pan, and the Nymphs, that heerein hee had not lied one word, and to the ende to make cleere the matter, caused his wife Myrtale to bring forth the attire, the mantle, and iewelless, and there shewed them in his presence.

Dionysophanes hauing heard these last speeches of Lamon together with his attentiue countenance & earnest protestation, looked vppon Gnatho with an aspect austere and grimme, as one
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loue with thy brother indifferentlie . And in the parting of my possessions betweene you, I will that this house, these lands, the moouables heere in my heards, flocks, seruants, and all things else thereunto belonging, doo remaine and continue vnto thee. Daphnis at the repetition of these last words, not suffering his father to speake forth the rest, start vp quicklie on a sudden, and therewith *O Nymphs*, said he, my heards haue not all this while beene watered, and I stand heere still a doing nothing. The companie heereat fell a laughing, to see that the remembrance of that wherein so long he had beene trained, could not yet make him forget what he had to doo when he was wont to be a seruant . But they aduertised vnto him that the care of his gotes belonged now vnto another, and that he needed not to trouble his thoughtes therewith any longer. Chloe all this while being filled with the hute of Daphnis and his new acknowledgement of his parents, did nothing else but grieve and lament to see the bad successe (as she deemed) of their loues, for thinking that Daphnis being now advanced to rich parentage, would not anie more regard or account of hir, he could but sigh and waille, accusing hir selfe to haue giuen more confidence to his oth sworne by his gotes than to that he had made before to the *Nymphs* . Lapes therefore, who for dispite and weake of the loue of Daphnis then made to hir, had spoiled in the night time, and marred the workmanship of Lamon as you heard before, perceiuing now that the state of Daphnis might tend to another effect, began to deuise to steale the shepheardesse by force, and for that purpose accompanied with a number of rude rakell fellows, encountered with hir one morning as she was dazing hir flocks, and offering violence vnto hir shee skritchd aloud, the sound of hir voice came first to Nape, and after to Dryas, and from him to Daphnis : but the poonge gotheard conferring now the state and reputation of his frends, durst not be acknowne publicke of the action, but called forth some of the house, to whom he gaue speciall direction to aid and assist Dryas,

Gnatho, who had euer since his villenie discovered, hid himselfe from all companie, hauing notice of the direction, thought with himselfe that now was the time wherein occasion was offered him to be reconciled to Daphnis, and putting himselfe forth

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In the pzease, as he that intended to be a guide vnto them in that action, they encountered Lapes by their halt, and the restoue of his clownes that now were euen readie to haue conuerted awaie the *Nymph*, and buckling heerevpon cogithers, with hard strokes on either sides, Dryas and his companie in the end had the best, and rescuing Chloe againe lambt kind the rude loobkins welshauredlie.

Gnatho supposing that he had behaued himselfe reasonable manlie in this enterprise, chalenged the honoz of the conquest into his hands, wherof he now thought to make a gratefull pzsent vnto his poong maister Dryas, was not therewith discontented, but accompanied them both to Daphnis, where being come, Gnatho made offer of the bzaue *Nymph* into his hands, humble submitting himselfe therewithall at his feet, and pzaid him of pardon for his misdoemeanors passed, and that he might againe be restozed by his meanes to the former enterteinment that in his fathers house he woontedlie receiued.

Daphnis gladdened inwardlie at the sight of his Chloe, accepted his seruice, and imbracing hir manie times, he was in mind to haue committed hir againe to Dryas, with great desire that their loues might be kept secret. But Dryas vtterlie denied that, but rather deliberating to make the matter plaine, seeing the other was alreadie by fortune made knowne to his parents, tooke Chloe againe for that instant, and the next morning leading hir with him to the house of Dionysophanes, & desiring at the hands of him and his wife a little attentive hearing, he made knowne vnto them the finding of Chloe, hir education, hir putting to the charge of keeping of flocks in the pastures, the vision to him and Lamon appearing touching the disposition of their fosterlings, Daphnis putting also to the feeld, the mutuall societie of him and Chloe therē begun, continued and concluded vpon after in marriage, and therewithall pzaid that the *Nymph* by change and alteration of the state of Daphnis might not now be despised: and to the intent that they might the beeter stand assured of hir parentage, he shewed also the call, mantle, slippers and other attire and iewels that he found with hir: and those with hir, recommended eelsoues to their patronage, loue, care, and common defense.

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Dionysophanes and Clearista beholding the beautifull and seemelie parts of the shepheardesse, and weieng also, that by like ensignes and badges as theirs, she had beene laid soorth, concluded the likelihood thereof with their owne intendments, and the rather in respect of those testimonies which shewed in some sort, the reckoning of hir parents, and asking also of Daphnis his willingness therein, they accepted hir immediatlie as their daughter in law, and confirmed the liking, wherewith befoze he had received hir as his wife.

Time wearing out the period of euerie determinat purpose and resolution, made Dionysophanes & his wife to thinke themselves sufficientlie by this time recreated with the pleasure of the counttie: wherfoze apparelling Chloe after the maner of the citie, and as be seemed their daughter, they iointlie with all their whole household remooued, and came backe againe to Meteline, but first in recompence of the painefull trauell of both these aged hearersmen, Dionysophanes rewarded Lamon with his freedom, and besides gaue him afterwards wherewith to liue richlie: to Dryas also of his bountie he gaue three hundred crownes more than those he had befoze, and a gowne furred, and other apparrell both for winter and summer. To Nape, and especiallie to Myrtale Clearista was not vnthankfull, both she and Lamon, besides greatlie reioicing in their olde age to haue obtained their freedom.

Now grew there to be a woonder at their arriual in Metelene vpon this strange kind of accident, by meanes of which, diuerse of the woorthiest of the citie and their wiues visited Dionysophanes to know the maner and truth of the same: among all the rest that were there to participat this nouell, one Megacles a wealthe noble citizen, hearing the recount of the finding and knowledge of Daphnis made by Dionysophanes, sighing deeplie in his mind, began at a sudden to weepe verie tenderlie, and being earnestlie of the assistants demanded the occasion thereof, he said: It is now about sixtene yeeres since, that by reason of my great charge bestowed in trauell, and sundrie losses hapned vnto me by seas, I had then a daughter bozne vnto me by my wife Rhode, and soylomuch as my estate was at that instant so
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weake, as made me in great hazard how I might recouer my losses and fortune againe, and yeelded me also some dispaire how, or by what meanes I might afterwards liue hauing so manie children: in great agonie of minde I tooke the infant and gaue it in like manner as thou Dionysophanes to one of my seruants, with apparell, iewelles, and other things about it, and willed him, in some conuenient place to bestowe the same, recommending it thereby to the protection and guidance of some better hap. My children then had, are since all of them dead, my wealth neuertheless not any wayes diminished, but rather increased, but ah my greatest unkindnesse to that infant, hath nowe bereft mee of any childe at all, and there is none to inherit the possessions and goodes I leaue behinde me. The recozdation heereof (Dionysophanes) reported by a newe relation and deliuerie of thy good hap in recouering thy sonne, together with the manner of thy departing from him so iustly agreeing in euery thing with mine, maketh me onely in this to accuse my ill hap, that can not also in the selfe occasion attaine the euent and fortune of other men, and lamenting the vntimely miscarrieng of hir (whome then I deemed some one or other beeing without childe might happilie finde, and take to their guidance, but nowe do expect viterlie to be destroyed) do wish to continue for hir sake the residue of my life in perpetuall sorrow and heauines.

This pitifull discourse of the olde Megacles, bredde in the minde of all the companie an extreame sadnesse, wherefore, as well on a sudden to alter the dombe conceit therof, as otherwise to manifest vnto them all, a double occasion of his gladnesse: this aged Dionysophanes first brought forth to Megacles the ornaments found with Chloe (hir-selfe hitherto remaining vnspoken of, and vnseene, but altogether in secret) and thereof demaunded of Megacles if he had any knowledge, affirming, that in the recouerie of his sonne, such manner of thinges also came to his handes. But Megacles well knowing and remembzing the tokens of the same, fell heereby into a greater extremitie than before, thinking, that hee by this might well be assured, that his daughter could not nowe otherwise choose but be dead, and that some heardsman of the field had by chance taken vp these things,

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and brought them also to Dionysophanes together with Daphnis. Dionysophanes seeing hereby, that it was not requisite vnto the intendment of a ioyfull meeting long time in this sort to dally, began then with sweete words to comfort this Megacles, and assured him, that his daughter was liuing, and therewith presenting vnto the viewe of all the company, the meere diuine and exquisite proportion indeede of very *Beantie* it selfe, harbored in the amiable lookes of this faire and excellent Chloe, hee made known also to their hearing the whole maner of hir continuance euen to hir present finding.

Megacles not sufficiently able vppon a sudden to digest his ioyes, straightly embraced the *Nymph*, and being also informed of the marriage intended to be celebrated betweene hir and Daphnis, desired no better alliance. And in signe how well and worthily he deemed of the match, he freely there gaue and bestowed vpon hir, to hir present aduancement, the inheritance of all his lands, wealth, and possessions whatsoever, onely reserued vnto those that so charily had vnto that estate conducted hir, suche liberall rewards and presents, as to the reputation of his person, and the benefit at that instant receiued, might seeme most agreeing and correspondent.

The citizens all thereabouts, commending highly the rare and woonderfull accomplishments of these two noble creatures, extolled the indifferencie of the match, and praised Himenæus to giue vnto them, a happie, fruitfull, and glad some continu-

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